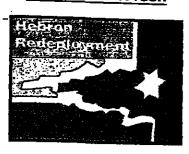
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No policy change on settlements, US

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government yesterday defended both settlement expansion and its demand for free access to Palestinian-held areas of Hebron, while Palestinians maintained conceptual differences are blocking an agreement for IDF redeployment in Hebron.

At the same time, the US reassured Israel that there had been no policy change on its part concerning settlements. The assurance was conveyed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu by US Ambassador Martin Indyk who met with him to consult on the peace negotiations yesterday.

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It's a mistaken concept to think that we can stop natural growth in [the territories]. There are people there whose children need to build homes and more kindergartens and schools are needed. Also we cannot stop people who want to move there from doing so," said Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan. "The incentives given to people there are the same as those given to any other outlying area." He said that in the haredi town of Emanuel, permission had been given to build "within the existing municipal boundaries."

Bar-Illan noted that the Palestinians, too, were expanding. "They have more than 10 times the number of buildings under construction at the moment than those approved for the settlers," he

Indyk's clarification followed remarks on Tuesday by State Department spokesman Nick Burns, responding to questions about articles on settlement expansion that appeared in The New York Times and The Washington Post. Burns indicated that the US continued to regard beefing up settlements as causing difficulties for the peace process.

On the IDF's freedom of access in the territories, Bar-Illan said that the Oslo Accords are "very broad statements that are open to interpretation... They talk about Israel being able to take any measures deemed necessary to protect its citizens. We wanted to specify what measures, to draw parame-

ters," he said. Oslo architect Labor MK Yossi Beilin yesterday came to the govemment's assistance on this point, noting that the Oslo accords did not require Israel to notify the Palestinians if there was "engagement" in the H-1 Palestinian-held areas of Hebron after the rede-

ployment Chief Palestinian negotiator on Hebron, Saeb Erekat, however. disputed this. He was emphatic that the Palestinians did not accept Israeli reengagement in H-1 even as part of joint mobile units. Although Erekat did not describe the talks as deadlocked, in effect they are. The two sides did not meet yesterday and today Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo is scheduled to present the Palestinian position at a

Although Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is famous (Continued on Page 4)



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor emphasize the necessity of budget cuts at a press conference at the Knesset yesterday.

Budget brinkmanship

THERE are a number of latent coalitionbusters threatening Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The Hebron issue seems particularly wrenching and menacing. But curiously, from a party political point of view, this most emotive issue is not the most dangerous for him.

Likud insiders have no doubt that the government's greatest potential peril is the budget, despite the fact that it arouses no passions and bores Mr. and Ms. Average Israeli like no other

So why is this particular matter so politically loaded? After all each government has had its budget misadventures and they all tend to look the same in the end. The prime minister and his finance minister are always beset with pressures and demands from their own party MKs and coalition partners. No one is willing to be the sacrificial lamb when budget-cutting time comes around, and everyone vociferously clamors for more. This is how it is until the very last minute, and then all sides carefully pull back from the brink just before the fateful vote.

The most likely scenario is that this budget

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in this case the government is in a far more precarious situationthan normal. It is a matter of

Because of the blow suffered by the large parties in the last elections, Netanyahu heads a coalition made up of eight parties. To make matters worse, his own party numbers only 22 MKs, giving far more weight and extortion power to the small parties, which represent special interest groups. Funds are sought by the haredim, the immigrants, the settlers, lower-income

Foreign Minister David Levy's Gesher faction could well make trouble in the name of the have-nots. Levy has already demonstrated his ability to twist Netanyahu's arm. Levy's brother MK Maxim Levy served notice yesterday that he "will go all the way" in his war for funding, even if it means bringing this government

one hand and given the fact that his finance min-ister is not a political bulldozer, Netanyahu has no option but to put his full political weight behind Finance Minister Dan Meridor's desperate efforts to slash the budget. So far nothing has been cut and at this point it is obvious that nothing will be if Netanyahu doesn't personally enter the fray.

Besides the cuts, unpopular measures must be rammed through to get the country out of the red, including, for instance, a fee for visits to health fund doctors. Though a relatively small expense for most families, this one is sure to rile the electorate and is thus not a move easy for politicians to make. Any hike in taxes or levies has been made more difficult by Netanyahu's promise not to increase the already awesome burden borne by the Israeli taxpayer.

As things stand now, it is a tug-of-war between the ministers who want no cuts in their departments and the prime minister who wants to avoid raising taxes. It will be six weeks before we know who won and, in politics, six weeks are a long time. There will be a lot of cliffhang-

PM doesn't rule out tax cut

EVELYN GORDON

THE Treasury will submit its proposal for an additional budget cut of some NIS 2 billion to the cabinet in about two weeks. Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yester-

Meridor met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday morning to discuss the new cut in the 1997 budget. Afterwards the two held a press conference at the Knesset.

Netanyahu said the exact size of the additional cut would depend on revenue levels during the rest

'We are only now learning how unfortunate [the previous government's legacy] really was," he The prime minister implied that

the additional cut would be presented to the Knesset this year. saying he planned to pass "one budget, in one process, by the end of the year."

The two men declined to give details of the planned cuts, howev-

"I won't give you the exact make-up of the cuts now, because we haven't finalized them yet," Meridor said, adding that the Treasury is still considering various alternatives. "But there is no doubt that we have already submitted the easier proposals."

Asked whether he would consider raising taxes if he failed to get the coalition to support the additional cuts. Netanyahu did not rule the idea out entirely, but said the government would do "everything in its power not to increase the tax

"Israel already suffers from one of the highest tax burdens in the world," he said. "Increasing the tax burden would only reduce business activity ... It would cause the very economic crisis we are trying to prevent."

The government competes with

resources," Meridor explained. The more the government takes, the less there is available for growth. So how do taxes help

Netanyahu stressed the importance of passing the cuts, saying there would be an economic crisis if the government did not deal now with its "national overdraft" just as ordinary people eventually face economic disaster if they let their overdraft build up unchecked.

"We are, as the finance minister says, on the brink of an abyss," he said. "And who will pay the price [if there is an economic crisis]? The residents of North Tel Aviv? Of Herzliya? The ones who will pay the price will be the residents the development towns ... Whoever sabotages this budget cut is hurting the weaker sectors of society.

"In contrast to what has been reported, there is great interest in Israel on the part of [foreign] investors," he continued. "The smartest money in the world is knocking at our door ... But everyone, without exception, is watching us and asking: 'What will they do with the budget?"

If we make the wrong choice and fail to make the necessary cuts, he said, investor interest will be drastically curtailed.

Meridor likened the situation to a medical problem: If caught early, it can be solved with minimal pain, but if left too long, only drastic measures will save the patient.

"I see all kinds of MKs who think that someone else bears the responsibility [for solving the economic crisis]," he added. "But the 120 MKs are as responsible as anyone else ... And those who refuse to pass the budget cuts today will be the ones leading the demonstrations when unemployment increases."

PM to Assad: Let's return to negotiations

BATSHEVA TSUR and HILLEL KUTTLER

ISRAEL sent a message to Damascus yesterday, reassuring Syria that it is interested in returning to the negotiating table.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu dispatched the message to Syrian President Hafez Assad via US Senator Arlen Specter, whom he met in his Knesset office. The message was also apparently intended to allay Syrian fears in the wake of remarks by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Specter, who was accompanied by US Ambassador Martin Indyk, left immediately afterward for Damascus. He met in Damascans with Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and returned to Israel yesterday evening. He will meet with Netanyahu again this mom-

Specter has tried before to mediare between Jerusalem and Damascus. Several weeks ago, he conveyed a similar message to

An Israeli official acknowledged yesterday that political differences between Israel and Syria militate against a meeting now between the envoys of the two sides.

He emphasized, though, that Israel is ready and willing to meet with the Syrians "at any place, at any time."

The statements came in response to reports that a new rift had developed between the countries after Syrian Ambassador to the US. Walid Mualem, told journalists that he had heard Israeli Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar wanted to meet him, but that such a meeting would not be possible.

Ben-Elissar is in Israel this week for consultations. American officials have stated they do not expect Israeli-Syrian talks to resume until January 1997 at the earliest.

The sides have not met since last March, when Israel broke off the talks following the spate of suicide

The Israeli official said Ben-Elissar was not smibbed because the embassy "never got an answer directly" from the Syrians to the

request for a meeting.
Nevertheless, Israel recognizes that a meeting now is not workable, he said.

The issue came about after Ben-Elissar held introductory meetings with the French and Russian ambassadors. When they asked how they could be helpful, Ben-Elissar suggested they help arrange a meeting with Muslem, the offi-

Report details series of PA violations of Oslo

THE Palestinian Authority continues to ignore the terror infrastructure in the areas under its control although it isworking to thwart specific attacks, according to a 14-page report of Palestinian Authority violations of the Oslo

Accords. The report was presented by IDF Coordinator in the Territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing, Shahor said in recent months there had been signs of a decline in initiated actions by the Palestinian Authority against opposition groups, particularly an

easing of pressure on the terror infrastructure. The report, distributed after-

wards to parliamentary reporters, says the Palestinian Authority is not bringing the full weight of the law to bear against individuals involved in terrorism. No steps have been taken against the 200 suspects whose names appear on a list Israel has given the Palestinians, and some individuals directly involved in terror acts have been granted open prison

conditions or even freed from detention. The report also says the

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Palestinian Authority is not doing enough to prevent infiltration into Israel. Several clauses in the report note the abuse of VIP status by the Palestinian Authority, stating VIPs and security men illegally carry arms in Israel. It also accuses some Palestinian Authority VIPs of smuggling into Israel Palestinians prevented from crossing the Green Line, including wanted criminals, and arms.

Shahor's report says 10,000 Palestinian police, some of them armed, have not received Israeli authorization as required, and that senior PA officials have participat-

ed in incitement and protests against Israel's paving of bypass roads.

In eastern Jerusalem, there have been attempts by the Palestinian Authority to solidify its presence and standing, including the use of illegal security activities. The report notes that some

30,000 visitors to the autonomous areas have not been asked to leave, even though their permits

The report opens with clauses relating to the recent riots, saying that the Palestinian leadership heated up the situation and "incit-(Continued on Page 4)

the crisis at the end of

Survey: Majority favors TA over J'lem as capital

A new survey has found that a slight majority of Israelis would support moving Israel's capital from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, MK Ophir Pines (Labor) said at the opening meeting of the Knesset's caucus for Jerusalem yesterday.

Pines, who cochairs the caucus along with Reuven Rivlin (Likud), said he learned of the survey - which is to be published in Ma' ariv later this week - when someone from the paper called to ask him for a reaction. He said the reporter refused to give him the exact figures, telling him only that the results were "very close," but with a slight

majority favoring moving the capital.
"This is very worrying," Pines said, adding that such a finding shows the need for improving the economic and social conditions in Jerusalem. This will be the group's main focus, as it does not want **EVELYN GORDON**

to become involved in political issues on which its 18 members might be divided. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert told the caucus

that he primarily wants its assistance in two areas. First, he said, is the effort to combat "the organized campaign the media is waging" to make Jerusalem's plight look worse than it is, and therefore make the city look more unattractive. For instance, he said, the media likes to talk about the flight of the secular population in light of the city's increasing "haredization," but never men-tions that haredim are leaving the city at an identical rate, in terms of their percentage of the pop-

Secondly, he said, Jerusalem is the most poorly

treated city in Israel in terms of government benefits, despite the fact that the Basic Law: Jerusalem the Capital obligates the government to give the city preferential treatment.

Since several members of the caucus also sit on the Knesset Finance Committee, Pines suggested that these MKs sit with the city manager to figure out what they can do to help the city with respect to the 1997 budget. The group also decided to submit a bill to make Jerusalem a free-trade zone like

"I don't recommend that the caucus get involved in political arguments," he said. However, I think it must be based on the premise that Jerusalem is not only Israel's capital, but Israel's undivided capital, and the capital of Israel

Treasury bought same property twice

THE Treasury bought the same plot of land twice because it has no inventory of state-owned properues. Treasury officials admitted to the Knesset State Control

Committee yesterday. It emerged that the Treasury had bought a plot from the city of Rehovot once in 1959 and once in

The Treasury is still negotiating with the municipality in an attempt to get a refund for the sec-



ond purchase, and has said it will

sue if necessary. When committee MKs demanded to know how the Treasury could have bought a building it already owned, Gabi Shohat, who is in charge of government housing for the Treasury, and Deputy Accountant-General Yoel Ophir said that they do not have a complete inventory of government-

owned property. According to Shohat, the Treasury inventory contains only property owned by government ministries. It does not include other government properties such as hospitals, prisons, army installations and land owned by the rail-

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An (Israeli) tree grows in Brooklyn

FOR decades, Americans have been encouraged to plant trees in Israel Kibbutz Kfar Haruv is aim-

ing for the reverse. The Golan kibbutz is trying to break in to the American market with Jerusalem pines, selling trees that are one to three years old as a "gift from the Holy

Land. "This is one of a line of products geared for the year 2000," said Joel Sheinfeld, the head of public

relations for Kfar Haruv. The Jerusalem pines (pinus halepensus) are grown in California from seeds the kibbutz collects from the forests around Jerusalem. Some 5,000 trees are ready for sale this year, Sheinfeld MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK**

said, adding that the Jewish National Fund has approved the

It took several years for the kibbutz to get permission for the project from the US Department of Agriculture, which usually bars or severely limits the entry of agricultural products.

"There is a two-year quarantine on live trees," said Sheinfeld, who was in the US on a marketing trip. However, the seeds can enter the US immediately with a US govemment-approved health certifi-

The first trees were shipped to

American customers on October "Some guy in New Jersey ordered 40 trees for his daughter's

bat mitzva," Sheinfeld said. The trees, which retail for \$10 each, have a shelf-life of 2 to 4 weeks when packaged in a plastic tube that the kibbutz calls a "unique mini-greenhouse."

"If Americans go for this," Sheinfeld said, "Kfar Haruv can build another kibbutz."



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Masked Hamas activists, holding Islamic flags and posters of their martyrs, aim their imitation sub-machine guns in the air yesterday. Thousands of students at Nablus's An-Najah University gathered for a rally to honor Palestinians killed on the Temple mount in clashes with IDF security forces last September. (Reuter)

Border Police chief admits increase in violent incidents involving Arabs

BORDER Police Commander Yisrael Sadan admitted yesterday that there has been increase in the number of incidents of violence against Arabs by border policemen.

Sadan addressed the Knesset Interior Committee in a special session which discussed the incident in which two border policemen were filmed beating and humiliating six Arabs near Jerusalem. He said this case was not the only one, or even the most serious, but just the only case caught on film.

would be brought to justice. He said 237 complaints had been filed against border policemen this year.

Sadan promised the policemen

Without trying to justify the incident, Sadan described the difficult work of the border policemen who have to deal with thousands of Palestinians who try to enter Israel

"There is a certain increase in the scope of violence, about 20% between January and October 1996 compared to the same period last year," Sadan said. "The increase mainly stems from the friction at crossings between Judea and Samaria and Israel or in the areas around the crossings. This mainly falls on those same units dealing with the sealing of Jerusalem, along the seam areas and particularly the central area which is the point at which the bulk of attempted entries by Palestinians take place."

He noted that in many cases the border policemen feel frustrated and helpless. He denounced the violence, saying that such frustration could not justify it.

Sadan said the Border Police is

particularly following the wave of bombings in February-March.

Eran Shindar, the head of the Justice Ministry's police investiga-tions unit, also said that there had been an increase in complaints of police brutality, particularly at check points around Jerusalem. He also noted there are a number of serious complaints of harassment and humiliation not involving physical violence.

Shindar added that there is a problem of disorganized reports, and some files are closed for lack of a proper complaint. He said often the complainant does not want to cooperate with a police investigation. He said about a quarter of the cases cannot be fully investigated, and an additional 30 percent of files are closed for some

Hebron resident: Police beat my wife after forcing her to strip

MORE than 20 policemen raiding a house in Hebron to search for arms on Monday morning ordered a woman to strip naked in her bedroom in front of a policewoman who then beat her, her husband said yesterday. A policeman who entered the room while she was naked ordered the beating to con-

tinue, the husband added. Police spokesman, Boaz Goldberg, denied the accusation of humiliating the woman, who was three months pregnant, and her husband. Police had raided the apartment near the Abu Sneineh quarter because they had received reports of weapons being stored there, he said.

Goldberg did not deny that the policewoman may have ordered the wife to strip, but described the bearing and male intrusion into her bedroom as "one big lie."

Bassem Eid, director of the Palestinian human rights monitoring group, said he considered the charges "worse than the filmed

humiliation by border police of illegal Palestinian workers. In Hebron, which is so conservative and religious, this could have ended in murder."

The Abu Sneineh neighborhood overlooks the lewish quarter and security forces, who have been arresting suspected Islamic radicals and searching for illegal weapons, are particularly concerned by the security problem posed from there.

Goldberg said they found two non-lethal stim grenades, gun clips, and several bullets, possibly from an Uzi automatic, in the

However, Issa Abu Mayyaleh, 37, who lived there with his wife Ataf, 30, and seven children (five of whom were at school at the time of the raid), is a policeman in Force 17, one of the Palestinian security services. According to the regulations, he is entitled to carry

allowed to keep guns or ammunition at bome in Hebron.

"The grenades are not regulation weaponry," Goldberg said.

The grenades were found by my son-in-law who brought them to me because I am a policeman, Abu Mayyaleh said.

He said he was also surprised to hear the police take responsibility as the men who entered "wore army pniforms and brown berets." His brother, also a Force 17 member, was arrested, but Abu Mayyaleh was allowed to accompany his wife to hospital.

Goldberg said the police allowed her to go, accompanied by her husband, because she complained of pain, but he denied this was caused by beating.

Asked why Abu Mayyaleh was not arrested, Goldberg said, "We ordered him to report to the police, but he has not come yet."

with David Harris

Ben-Shahar is professor of economics at Tel Aviv University.

Will the government's NIS 4.9 billion budget cut proposal be passed by the Knesset? When the cabinet passed the proposal in early July Prime Minister Netanyahu and Finance Minister Meridor had to bring it immediately to the Knesset to take advantage of the good will displayed during the first 100 days of the government. They should then have implemented it immediately so we wouldn't be facing such a large deficit in 1996. Also now they are facing too much opposition.

In that case do you believe the Knesset will accept an extra NIS 2b. in cuts? The additional cut is needed as the current forecast of 1997 shows revenues will be lower than predicted in June and July. Expenses will be higher than expected, and the Defense Ministry is proving to be more problematic than six months ago. Therefore the NIS 2b. is needed from a purely economic point of view.

But I'm very pessimistic. It might only be a tactical move to persuade the Knesset to accept the NIS 4.9b. cut.

If it were passed it would allow for the Bank of Israel to lower interest rates, increase exports, and reduce the balance of payments deficit, leading to lower inflation and higher growth. But Netanyahu does not have the Republican Congress of Clinton, but a super-democratic Knesset.

What about Meridor's personal future?

I hope he'll stay. He's a good, honest man. His big mistake was not passing the budget cut in July. More importantly I'm worried the government will look to another solution - raising taxes. But maybe Netanyahu, following his "read my lips, there will be no taxation" speech may think twice.

This leaves open the easiest but worst measure of all: cutting government participation in National Insurance Institute subsidies for employers. Politically it will be accepted, but while they won't call it a tax, in effect it is. Like all other taxes it is bad news, but more so because it leads to increased labor costs, and then higher unemployment and is equal to a devaluation. This will be a huge mistake.

Suspects indicted in drugs-for-sex scandal Two Jerusalem youths serving time for the brutal murder of a city

NINE men from a city in the North were indicted yesterday in Nazareth District Court for sup-Nazareth District Court for supold girls and having sex with them, in some cases against the girls' will.

The court decided to hold the trial of the nine, aged 18-27, behind closed doors. Judge Haim Asa has also banned the publication of the suspects' names.

As the accused were brought into the court to have their remands extended, dozens of family members went wild in the courtroom, breaking a few win-

Police reinforcements were brought in to restore order and two people were arrested.

Prosecutor Mirit Stern said that in the course of about a year the accused used marijuana, hashish and Ecstasy pills with the girls, and sometimes had sex with them during or after the drug

She said that the sex was occasionally consentual but sometimes not, and even when the girls consented, it was often while they were drugged, or when it was made clear to them neighborhood.

that if they did not agree, their

ing sex with one of the girls against her will for the first time, he had sex with her daily for an entire month in exchange for The first encounter between

the two occurred after he took the girl home from school to his house and after using drugs and having sex with her against her will, returned her to school while she was still high. He, along with another sus-

pect, is accused of rape and drug use. The other suspects are charged with using dangerous drugs, drug possession, drug dealing, and forcing a minor into drug use. Two of the nine suspects are accused of statutory

The drug and sex parties the accused took part in were held in their homes and in public places. including a forest near where they live.

In one instance, the girls smoked dope with some of the accused in a school in their

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved husband,

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The funeral will take place on Friday, November 22, 1996 (11 Kislev)

at 10:30 a.m. at the Herzliya Cemetery.

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His sisters, Chelly van Gelder, Fietje Lipinski

and children, Hans-Lea and children

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beggar may be cleared, following the arrest of three suspects in the case, which raises serious questions about police methods of obtaining and relying on confes-

He called for an increase in the num-

ber of career policemen serving in

these units, instead of border police-

men who are serving as part of their

mandatory military service. He said

older, more mature border police-

men who depend on their salaries as

a regular income would improve the

quality of the units, and dramatically

(Labor) asked whether the change

in government could be responsi-

ble for creating an atmosphere in

which the policemen did not

restrain themselves. Sadan rejected

the possibility out of hand, and said

there had been no dramatic

increase in brutality since the elec-

tions. He stressed that the Border

Police is not working for a particu-

Committee chairman Sallah Tarif

bring down the violence.

Yesterday the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court lifted a publication ban on the recent arrests of Alexander Tonkonogov, 19, of Jerusalem, Rafael Davidov, 20, of Ashkelon, and Bolshakhanov Ganida, 20, of Beit Shemesh, and other details of the renewed inves-

tigation. Elazar Bengaiev, 18, and a 17year old were convicted for the 1994 murder of Shalom Cohen in his Jerusalem apartment, after confessing to the crime. According to

the confessions, they said they had robbed and murdered Cohen, who was believed to have large sums of money in his house. Cohen, a wellknown beggar, was murdered with

> Bengaiev was given a life sentence for the murder, while the minor received 15 years. The parents of the minor provided the information that led to the

recent arrests. The new suspects, who were remanded yesterday for between

six and 10 days, were friends of the youths convicted. The police spokesman, in a statement, said two of the suspects confessed to and reenacted the murder,

"The investigation is continuing," and it remains unclear if the arrests will lead to the release of either of the teenagers convicted, the spokesman said.

told the court during their trial that they were coerced into signing the confessions. "If the new evidence uncovered

turns out to be true, it will clearly show that we were right from the beginning when we argued they were coerced into signing confessions, being kept awake for hours, and threatened," said attorney Yair

Golan, who represents Bengaiev. Golan, and Michael Horowitz, who represents the minor, this week appealed the convictions to the Supreme Court, with hearings set for next month.

Golan said he hoped to hear from the District Attorney's Office beforehand that the charges were being dismissed. Attorney Eli Abarbanel, of the

had informed the judges in 1994 that Bengaiev's confession was shaky, because it didn't fit with evidence found in the Derech Beit Lehem apartment.

The minor, however, confessed to the murder in a taped phone conversation he made to his girlfriend, and only afterwards in a statement to investigators.

He and Bengaiev lived across the hall from Cohen, and in their confessions said they had originally just planned to rob him.

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Budget cuts

THIS table is based on the current NIS 4.9 billion budget cut being debased in the Knesset. The Treasury and Prime Minister's Office do not yet know where any additional cuts will fall. Treasury budget head Ram Kroll said last month an extra cut would be meted proportionately between all the ministries. However, a senior Treasury official said yesterday it would be impossible for technical reasons to implement the cuts equally and it is inevinible that there will be slight variations.

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and incriminated the third suspect. High Court throws out Kleiner's Hebron petition

New suspects arrested in murder of Jerusalem beggar

THE High Court of Justice threw out a petition by MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher) yesterday against Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu's plan to initial the Hebron agreement before bringing it to the cabinet, and sharply criticized Kleiner for going to court without first trying to use his influ-

ence as an MK in the Knesset. In response, Kleiner submitted bill to the Knesset yesterday which would require the government to update the Knesset on the progress of international negotiations once a month, hold a Knesset discussion on the finished agreement before initialing it, and bring it to the Knesset for ratification after initialing it.

Kleiner had argued that while the cabinet authorized Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to negotiate the agreement, initialing it would exceed their mandate, and would unfairly limit the cabinet's ability to make **EVELYN GORDON**

changes in the agreement later. However, Justices Eliahu Mazza, Ya'acov Kedmi and Ya'acov Terkel jumped on him for not having made any effort to solve the

The Knesset, he added, is the proper forum for criticism of the government; that is what it exists for Kleiner's attorney. Ilan Bombach, said Kleiner learned only a few days ago of the plan to mitial the agreement before bringing it to the cabinet, and was afraid to wait because the negotiations could end any day. However, the justices said the petition also appeared to be baseless on its merits, since initialing does not prevent the cabinet from rejecting the

What international agreement is handled any other way?" Mazza

cuss it when it is already initialed, is the way to hold a serious discuswhen any change will mean a

problem before going to court.
"You sent one letter to the prime minister, on November 16 - which was Shabbat - and filed the petition on November 17. Is this the way to act?" demanded Mazza. "Did [the ministers] take any action in the cabinet? Did the petitioner take any action in the Knesset? This is a very strange system: If a minister has a complaint against the government, he sends an MK to petition

the High Court." agreement if it pleases.

"It seems to me that you have already wasted five times as much of our time as this petition deserves," Mazza finally said in exasperation. "Do you still insist on our giving a ruling?" In light of this clear hint, Kleiner withdrew the petition.

"It is a pity that the High Court. which has seen fit to intervene in so many things, did not see fit to intervene in such a fundamental matter as enabling the cabinet to discuss the agreement [seriously]," Kleiner said afterwards. "To dis-



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A dog suiffs luggage at Ben-Gurion Airport, where a new drug detection unit, including six dogs, was officially launched yesterday.

The dogs bave already discovered two drug smugglers this past week.

(Yisrael Melovui)

New canine drug detection unit begins work at B-G Airport

CUSTOMS and VAT authorities officially launched their new drug detection unit at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. Six dogs and their handlers, specially trained in the USA, will work full time to help crack down on

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Up until now police ran a small unit of trained dogs, but now, as in other countries such as the UK, the customs authorities will manage their own division, which will work in cooperation with the police.

So far six dogs, three of them golden retrievers, are being used both in the arrivals lounge and in the cargo department. Those used for sniffing out narcotics in the drugs smugglers this past week.

RAINE MARCUS

arrivals lounge are categorized as "passive" canines. They are taken around the lonnge, between suitcases and passengers, and if they detect varieties of drugs hidden on persons or luggage, simply sit near their target. They are praised and given a prize by their

The "active" dogs are situated in the cargo department and run wild barking if they

detect drugs hidden in containers. The dogs have already discovered two

The unit was launched by new Customs and VAT chief Motti Ayalon and authorities are now testing electronic equipment, including X-ray machines for detecting both drugs and explosives.

with. Customs authorities are also working on the development of detection devices for use in the cargo department, to discover the smuggling of drugs and even explosives in

Various companies from the US and Europe are competing to sell their hi-tech equipment to authorities, and such sophisticated machines, which will cost millions of

dollars, are presently being experimented containers from abroad.

Disabled veteran sets himself alight opposite Defense Ministry

YOSEF Benvenisti, a disabled IDF veteran who is around 60 years old, set himself alight opposite the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday, charging that he had not received what the ministry owed him.

Benvenisti, a Haifa resident, was recovering from the suicide attempt at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital last night, with serious burns covering his body.

The Defense Ministry, which pays him a NIS 4,500 monthly disability allowance, said that this was not his first suicide attempt. Benvenisti, who has a 32 per-

cent disability, and his daughter Orit went to the Defense Ministry yesterday to request assistance to **RAINE MARCUS** and itim

purchase a car, using his disability rights. Orit had entered one of the offices, while her father stayed

Without warning, Benvenisti took out a bottle containing flammable material and set himself on

Witnesses, who called Magen David Adom and police, said Benvenisti ran down the street while on fire and passers-by extinguished the flames, before an ambulance arrived and transported him to Ichilov. Orit complained bitterly that her

father had given his life to the army, which had not awarded him his full disability rights.

"He is unable to walk, and after 34 years in the IDF, the Defense Ministry is ignoring him," she said after the incident. The Defense Ministry said that

Benvenisti had first filed a claim in 1957 for a head and a foot injury, which were recognized as a 10% permanent disability.

Over the years, he filed a number of other complaints, some of which were rejected as having no connection to his injury.

Others were accepted, and by 1993 he had a 32% disability. 20% of which was for mental dis-

MKs mark International Children's Rights Day

Maor noted that 12 bills on chil-

dren's rights are being submitted

in the Knesset. She said the com-

mittee here is concentrating on the

problems of poverty and children

at risk; sexual exploitation; the

children in certain sectors, includ-

ing Arabs, new immigrants and

the disabled; protecting children's

rights in fields such as forced hos-

pitalization; and employment con-

Maor called on the German par-

liamentarians to work to strength-

A day after the Knesset dedicated committee meetings and plenum discussions to violence against women, the House marked International Children's Rights Day with several activities.

Members of the Knesset Caucus for Children's Rights yesterday met with their counterparts from the German Bundestag to hear about some of its activities. MK Anat Maor (Meretz) and Dr. Philip Veerman, of the Israeli office of Defense for Children Defense International, initiated the meet-

The German parliamentarians said their activities focus on three fields: educating toward nonviolence; dealing with the media, including the advantages and dangers of the Internet; and involving children in political decision-mak-

International Children's Rights

en democracy, prevent antisemitism and racism. Veerman said the group is acting to create an international parlia-

mentary lobby for children's

Day marks the anniversary of a UN covenant created in 1989 to further children's rights in economic, social, cultural, health and educational fields. Israel signed the covenant in 1991 but, Maor said, "the existence of 329,000 poor children in Israel is a denial of its obligations towards children expressed in the covenant."

The Knesset Education Committee, chaired by Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), discussed prostitution among minors. Calling the phenomenon "shocking," Zissman called for greater preventive and punitive measures. including more attention in the educational system to the problem of dropouts; more centers for needy children; and greater police action against people having sex with minors or spreading child pomography.

Court demands reason for state's request to bring woman, children back from US

THE High Court of Justice gave the state 45 days this week to justify its attempts to get the US authorities to send a woman and her three children back to Israel.

The woman, Elsa Nimberger, met and married her Israeli husthey were both working in a hospital. The family came to Israel in February 1995 - according to Elsa, for a visit, according to Zvi,

A few days later, the couple quarreled, and Elsa tried to take her children back to the US. Zvi got an order from a rabbinical court preventing her from leaving the country, but this was canceled nine months later after Elsa petitioned the High Court.

Zvi then filed a custody snit against Elsa in the Jerusalem District Court, which ended in her getting custody while he got visit-ing rights. As part of this settle**EVELYN GORDON**

ment, the district court canceled another order preventing Elsa from leaving the country, and she returned to New York with the

Attorney-General Michael Benties to return the children. Benviolated the Hague Convention on international kidnappings of chilboth parents must consent before relocating the children.

constituted kidnapping.

Court to get Ben-Yair to withdraw his request to the American anthorities.

children in January 1996. Yair to ask the American authori-Yair did so in July, saying Elsa's return to the US had deprived Zvi one were planning a move. The family even bought round-trip of his visiting rights, and therefore The fact that Elsa was forced to dren. This convention states that stay here for almost a year against her will by court orders obtained

At the time of the settlement in the Jerusalem District Court, Ben-Yair argued, the couple's place of residence was Israel. Therefore, Elsa's unilateral move to the US Elsa then petitioned the High Israel and waive his visiting

rights.
Zvi's claim is that the couple had intended to move to Israel, but Elsa got cold feet after they Elsa said the family originally arrived. Ben-Yair said the district came to Israel only for two weeks, court settlement, which gave Zvi a week, supports the theory that Ron Weinstock, noted that she did not quit her job, sell her apartment the couple was living in Israel at or make any of the other preparations one would normally make if

At a hearing earlier this week, however, Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Dorner appeared to find Elsa's version of events more believable. If the couple had really intended to move here, they said, how was by Zvi does not mean she ever it possible to explain the roundconsented to making Israel her place of residence, he said, and trip tickets, which were only for a two-week stay?

They therefore issued the showcause order, which shifts the burden of proof to the state. The final hearing will be in about two it was Zvi's choice to move to months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pupil stabbed by schoolmate

A.15-year-old Ashkelon pupil was stabled in the back and lightly wounded yesterday by another pupil in a fight during recess.

During the tight, one of the pupils pulled out a pentage and stabled the other boy in the back.

bendied from the school.

The wounded boy collapsed, and his friends and trackers called Magen David Adam. He was taken with light argumes to Ashkelon's Bazzilai Hospital.

Police lamathed an investigation, and the attacker's identity is known to them. Another Ashkelon pupil was stabbed in his school last

Dafawshe better after stroke MK Abdel Wahab Darawshie (Democratic Arab Party) was "much improved" yesterday at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kirem after suffering a mild stroke during a vacation in Rome. vacation is Rome.

The stroke affected blood flow in the left side of his brain, causing partial paralysis in his right arm and leg and some speech difficulty. But Hadassah neurology department chairman Prof. Qded.

Abrainsky said the MK had greatly improved and would be discharged in a few days with, he hoped no neurological deficit. Judy Siegel

Jenin man sentenced for rape A 18-year-old Jenin man was sentenced to 12 yesterday for raping a girl, sexually assaulting other women and theft.

Ahmed Elantar raped the 15-year-old girl who was walking in a dark area to her boarding school in the North, according to the conviction. He then told her he would kill her if she reported the crime to the police. A month later he broke into an apartment and sexually assaulted a woman. He fled, however, when she screamed loudly. Itim

Benizri seeks funds to reduce geriatric institution waiting lists

JUDY SIEGEL .

DEPUTY Health Minister Shlomo Benizri has asked Finance Minister Dan Meridor to allocate an additional NIS 52.5 million to eliminate the waiting list for entrance to geriatric institutions.

At present, 2,500 people are on the waiting list, and 300 more are added each year. The extra funds would eliminate the list over the

In a meeting Tuesday, Benizri said the Health Ministry currently pays for 7,000 geriatric beds in public and private institutions, but because of the lack of budget, another 2,500 are waiting at home, often in very difficult conditions or getting inadequate care.

Meridor said he was aware of the importance of finding an honorable and quick solution to the problem, and he promised to examine it carefully with an aim to accede to his request.

Benizri said he intends to examine the costs of hospitalization and try to reduce expenses, while at the same time preserving the level

That way, he said, more patients can be treated for the same amount

Woman almost dies from bee sting treatment

therefore her return to New York

does make not her a kidnapper.

She was merely following the

couple's original plans, he argued;

A 52-YEAR-OLD kibbutznik who submitted to bee stings in an effort to relieve her shoulder pains nearly died recently after going into anaphylactic shock from the stings. Doctors at Kupat Holim Clalit's Lin Clinic in Haifa gave her emergency treatment and saved her

The woman, a member of a kibbutz in the North, went to a complementary medicine practitioner who said bee stings would relieve her pain. After the 12th sting, an allergy appeared that caused a rash and shortness of

Dr. David Nusam, a senior Lin allergy expert, said that while complementary medicine could be helpful, patients should be aware of the fact that they can also be dangerous and even life-threatening "if they are car-

ried out in an irresponsible manner." The woman will have to undergo immotherapy at the Lin clinic to ensure that she doesn't suffer a serious reaction to bee stings in the future. If she hadn't been exposed to so much bee allergen at once, the "accident" would not have happened and she would not have to be careful in the future, he said.

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GOMA, Zaire (Reuter) Thousands more refugees, tracked by US satellites, trekked through eastern Zaire towards Rwanda yesterday, further weakening the case for a UN intervention force.

The UN's World Food Program reported that perhaps as many as 100,000 Hum refugees were on the road, the possible vanguard of a second mass exodus to the homeland they fled in panic after the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

There are strong indications that a large movement of people from the Bukavn area are heading north towards Goma. We believe there could be more than 100,000," WFP spokeswoman Michele Quintaglie said in Naîrobi.

look

If confirmed, the WFP report would clear the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of many of the estimated 700,000 Hutus still in Zaire since 500,000 others walked back into Rwanda from Goma between November 15 and

A second mass movement would almost certainly lead the world to call off plans to send a Canadianled humanitarian mission to the

Hundreds of thousands of Hutu refugees fled back into Rwanda

MANILA (AP) - Philippine offi-

cials brushed off concern over

security preparations for next week's summit of Pacific Rim

leaders despite the discovery of

bombs yesterday at the summit

A travel bag left outside the air-

port arrival area contained several

grenades and a timing device, said

airport security guard Mutalib

Abduladjid, who found it. Another

grenade was found later inside the

airport at a hotel transportation

Another bomb was found earlier

in the day by a janitor in a crowd-

ed area near the main gate of the

Subic Bay Freeport, a former US

naval base west of Manila where

President Clinton and 17 other leaders meet next Monday for the

annual Asia-Pacific Economic

Republicans rallied around Newt

Gingrich yesterday, nominating

him for a second term as speaker

of the House of Representatives

despite concern about ethics

charges swirling around the con-

Gingrich was approved unani-

mously at a gathering of Republicans elected to the House

in the November 5 vote that kept

Republican majorities in both

troversial Georgia conservative.

site and Manila's airport.

desk, he said.

between Zairean rebels, supported by Rwanda, and soldiers from Rwanda's Hutu-dominated exarmy and militias, who organized the 1994 Rwandan genocide of

minority Tutsis. The UN refugee agency in Goma said yesterday a substantial number of Rwandan refugees from the Bukavu area were moving towards Goma.

There is a substantial number of refugees moving northwards at the moment," said Filippo Grandi, head of the UNHCR in the town.

"We are receiving information from local staff, local authorities and American intelligence satellites," he said, adding the figures on the move varied enormously.

"The thing with the information we are receiving from US satellites is they do not give numbers. All we can say is that it is definite that a substantial number of these people are on the move northwards along the west of the lake,"

Witnesses said suspected American intelligence-gathering aircraft also circled Goma this morning. They twice came under fire from rebel-held Mount Goma. but were not hit.

Meanwhile in Germany, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel announced a meeting in Stuttgart to discuss the military composition of any

Bombs found at Manila Airport

one week before APEC Summit

Officials, however, gave con-flicting explanations of the Subic

incident, with some saying that the

bomb found there was part of a

drill to test security preparations.

cerns about precautions for the November 20-25 APEC meetings in

Manila and summit at Subic Bay in

Olongapo City west of the capital.

Philippine authorities have assembled a 26,000-member secu-

rity force to protect Clinton,

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro

Hashimoto, Chinese President

Jiang Zemin and the other leaders.

trous for the Philippine govern-

ment's hopes of using APEC to

convey to the world that the coun-

try is now an ideal investment

APEC officials attempted to

Republicans renominate

Gingrich as House speaker

me," Gingrich said in accepting

the nomination. His stepfather.

Robert Gingrich, died of cancer

Gingrich seems certain to be

elected speaker by the full House

membership when the new

Congress convenes on January 7.

The vote is normally along straight party lines, and Republicans will have a majority

of at least 20 seats in the 435-

member House once a few unde-

destination after decades of eco-

nomic stagnation.

earlier in the day.

A single incident could be disas-

But the incidents raised new con-

international force had been put back to Friday.

Later, however, a US military spokesman said no firm date had yet been fixed.

Canadian Forces, in a statement issued by the US European Command in Stuttgart, did not mention a date for the meeting but said that preliminary planning for the mission was under way.

"The United Nations continues to reevaluate the fluid situation in Central Africa. It would be premature to discuss options with contributing nations before a new mandate is issued," the statement

The statement said that the Canadian general marked to lead the mission, Lt.-Gen. Maurice Baril, "will reassess any changes of the mission being discussed by the United Nations and conduct further preliminary planning."
US President Bill Clinton said

yesterday that the US had made no final decision on involving US forces in relief efforts. Earlier. Defense Secretary William Perry said the US was instead preparing a military air relief operation.

Vice President Paul Kagame said he was "deeply suspicious" of the need to link humanitarian aid for thousands of returning refugees to the presence of an international force in Rwanda.

minimize the incidents and said

they showed security preparations

were working since the bombs

that there is no confirmed infor-

mation about any terrorist of any

kind, foreign or local," said for-

mer General Lisandro Abadia, head of the APEC organizing

Subic's leader said the bomb

was placed there without his

knowledge by the Presidential

"We don't conduct bomb drais

because it will scare people," he

The only threat to Gingrich's

reelection could arise if the House

Ethics Committee makes damag-

ing charges against him in a report

to be issued before the end of '96.

The committee is probing

whether a tax-exempt foundation

he formerly headed was used ille-

gally for political purposes, and whether Gingrich had provided

accurate information to the com-

mittee about a college course he

British rage at Tunnel fire; French barely flinch

"Let me tell our people honestly

were found promptly.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin sits on a bench odiside Mescow's Central Clinical Hospital yesterday with his wife Nama and grand-Yeltsin makes TV appearance

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin, rosy-cheeked and smiling in his first television appearance since his heart operation, said yesterday he had no pain and was in fight-

Yeltsin, wrapped up in a for hat, scarf and coat, moved stiffly and slowly but spoke fluently as he strolled with his family through the grounds of Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital 15 days after his quintuple bypass operation.

"My heart already does not hurt. I can't feel my heart, unlike before the operation," the 65year-old president said as he walked on his granddaughter Masha's arm. His wife Naina and one of his two daughters, Tatyana, strolled "I am in fighting mood," Yeltsin told a

reporter from RIA news agency, speaking more clearly than for several weeks. "Generally

speaking, of course, I feel well compared with the first days after the operation."
Yeltsin and his granddaughter chuckled as he explained how he hal his surgery stitches removed earlier yesterday and said he would probably move to the familiar surroundings of

the Barvikha sanatorium outside Moscow

today or Friday. "Now I can move about freely. Now I need to exercise. I need to exert myself more physically and emotionally to start regaining my full strength," he said.

With a slight croak in his voice, he thanked Russians for their moral support since he fell ill just before his reelection on July 3.

Doctors said after the operation, intended to improve the blood supply to his heart, that Yeltsin could be back in the Kremlin around

Yeltsin had his first full official meeting since the operation on Tuesday, when he met Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin for more than 90 minutes, and doctors say his recovery is going according to plan.

The president touched on politics only once in his interview, reminding Russian officials, they will have to account for their actions while he has been out of the Kremlin.

"Yesterday I started asking Chernomyrdin to report and everybody will have to report on what has been done, what they propose to do and what they are thinking of doing, how to put things right where it is difficult, and so on." he

Some officials became involved in a battle for influence in the belief that Yeltsin might not be fit enough for his operation or might not

Tension rises after Serbian opposition wins poll

Security Group, the Philippine version of the US Secret Service. BELGRADE (Reuter) - Serbia's scored clear majorities against But air force Capt. Ruben opposition urged its supporters Carandang, who is assigned to the yesterday to defend their sweep-Presidential Security Group at ing victory in local elections and Subic, said he knew of no bomb accused authorities of trying to everse the results through mas-

> Opposition leaders said tensions were mounting in several major towns where local authorities had failed to verify voting results by Tuesday evening as

sive fraud.

required by law. Serbia where we have won results are being canceled, exactly to the extent it is necessary to cancel our victory and to give it to those who have lost the elections," Zoran Djindjic, head of the opposition Democratic Party,

told reporters. Authorities on Tuesday confirmed the opposition's victory in the capital Belgrade, a stunning blow to ruling Socialists led by Serbian President Slobodan Mîlosevic.

But no results had been announced in several towns where the opposition said it

ter details." He later said, howev-

er, that even the Peace Watch

the Socialists.

Djindjic and other leaders of the Zajedno (Together) called on and form new local govern-

"You should enter immediately into municipal and city assemblies, establish new authorities and defend them together with us," said a statement issued by

Electoral commissions by law were required to confirm official results by Tuesday evening, 48 hours after polling stations closed.

"Such an illegal situation and attempt to reverse the will of the people is leading to a destabilization of the state and the consequences could be very dramatic," Vesna Pesic, head of the opposition Civic Alliance,

The coalition later warned that Socialist authorities may be preparing to declare a state of

Pressure mounts as Belarus leader fails to meet parliament foes, mediators

their councillors agross the coun- Lukashenko failed to theer with decided not to go." try to aphold their legal rights whis legislative foes and top Russian mediators yesterday, further eroding hopes of a political compromise in the tense former Soviet republic.

Lukashenko and the lawmakers, who are seeking to impeach the president, are locked in a bitendum set for Sunday. The referendum might extend the president's term to the year 2001 and expand his aheady sweeping powers.

The Belarusian Constitutional Court said it will consider the issue of Lukashenko's impeachment on Friday.

Meanwhile, amid a fresh round of recriminations in Minsk, Lukashenko and the opposition parliament speaker, Semyon Sharetsky, called off a planned meeting.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin then attempted to mediate a compromise and ease tensions with separate phone calls to the president and parliament

speaker.
The Russian president, still recovering at the Kremlin hospital following heart bypass surgery on November 5, expressed "deep concern about the developments in Belarus," said Vasily Novikov, Sharetsky's

first deputy. But in spite of Yeltsin's efforts, Lukashenko refused to meet with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and the leaders of Russia's parliament yesterday afternoon Smolensk, on the Russian side of

their common border. The president has a full schedule," said his deputy ideology chief, Vladimir Zametalin.

MINSK (AP) - Belarus's hard- "We heard that Chernomyrdin is hime." President and Alexander with tolking, so Lukastionko

Shahetsky, but the order hand, beaded for Smolensk to meet with his Russian counterparts. the speakers of the both chambers of parliament.

In Moscow, Russia's State Duma, the lower bouse of parliament, approved a statement call-Sharetsky "to show goodwill and find a political solution."

In Minsk, several hundred presidential supporters, some of them waving Soviet-era Communist flags, gathered in the square outside parliament. Sharetsky says he wants the

president to recall his referendum, work with parliament on constitution amendments and annul "unconstitutional" decrees. In exchange, parliament would drop its plans to impeach the president.

Sharetsky called off a planned: morning meeting with Lukashenko after the president broke up a parliamentary session by calling his supporters in the legislature into his office. Parliament moved to impeach-

Lukashenko on Monday after Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir resigned to protest the referen-Fearing the president might disband parliament, scores of

deputies since have holed up there and resumed discussions yesterday.

The country's Constitutional Court has to rule on whether the president has violated the constitution and must approve any impeachment motion before par-

liament votes. It will hear the case Friday, said court spokesman Oleg Moskalev.

ever seen," one survivor told the tabloid Daily Mirror. "I was ready to die." The Independent proclaimed "darkness at the end of the Tunnel," capturing the sombre mood following Monday's blaze.

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's press dis-missed the futuristic Channel train link as

a "Tunnel of Blunders" yesterday, but

France played down a freight train blaze

which injured eight people as a catastro-

French media showed no pictures of

Monday's fire - dwelling instead on the

speed of the rescue operation - whereas

Britain's papers were dominated by the

"It was like the worst horror film I've

phe that never was.

For while France has always backed the project, many Britons - ever leary of links with the continent - feared rabid dogs, underwater bombs and a loss of their island mentality.

Following this, the first major accident since the Chunnel opened two years ago, The Independent said a project once heralded as a feat of engineering had now "lost its innocence."

"Promised as the safest form of travel between Britain and Europe, it suffered the fire that everyone feared," it said. The Times was even forced to rejig its usual layout, shifting a token for free travel through the tunnel deeper into the paper

to make room for its blanket coverage of

the blaze.

Nor was the rescue operation glitchfree, according to passengers. British truckers aboard the freight train complained of a "terrifying shambles" in which officials argued as passengers were felled by noxious fumes. Some papers said fumes were spotted before the train even entered the tunnel.

Yet France played down the fire, which damaged the 51-km. rail tunnel, as a disaster that didn't happen. French television repeatedly ran archive footage of security trials in which passengers are

calmly evacuated. News bulletins highlighted the speedy arrival of the first rescue services and the

efficient evacuation of passengers. Longplanned security measures functioned properly, they said. Unlike their British counterparts, French

national daily newspapers barely men-tioned the inferno on their front pages. Only the popular France-Soir challenged reassuring official and company statements about the handling of the blaze with a front-page editorial head-lined "shameless lies."

The most incredible part of this story is that despite the information which all day undermined their initial lies, cheerful Eurotunnel spokesmen continued to flood the airwaves with tranquilizing but totally phoney statements," it said.

POLICY

(Continued from Page 1) for his negotiating brinkmanship there is a growing readiness among Palestinians to wait it out rather than to allow Israel to spell out what many believe is the humiliating weakness of Oslo lack of effective Palestinian sovcreignty, and lack of reciprocity.

Sensing this, Harnas yesterday organized a protest in An-Najah University in Nablus against the Hebron accords, the first organized demonstration since the fatal September riots, and called for jihad.

"I think the differences are conceptual. This government thinks it must bring back something much better than the last government, to show it is stronger. This cannot

happen," Erekat said. Israel maintains that the Palestinians have violated the Oslo Accords, but it has not presented any cases in the talks, said Erekat, "Not one single comma of the interim accord has been implemented by Mr. Netanyahu. He has not even put his finger tips in the water yet."

Erekat also accused government coordinator Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor of "trying to seek forgiveness" from the government for his unauthorized meetings with the opposition, by accusing, in the Knesset yesterday, Palestinians of violating the

American diplomatic sources, maintaining a studied optimism despite the deadlock, noted yesterday that considering how none of the negotiators had met or trusted each other before these talks, "they have made great strides in achieving personal rap-

OSLO

(Continued from Page 1) September in an intentional and deliberate manner." It also notes that Palestinian policemen and security men participated in the shooting against IDF soldiers.

"We are talking about crossing the 'red line' and a concrete attack on the agreement," the report

Watch, an independent group monitoring violations of the Oslo Accord, presented their own review to the committee. Opposition committee members vehemently complained that committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) should not have invited them because of the group's perceived right-wing ties, and because it is the first time a nongovernment body has testified

report "has more precise and bet-

Representatives of Peace

before the committee. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid called

Gideon Ezra (Likud) said it was justified because Peace Watch's

report lacked note of certain violations such as the disappearance of Israeli Arabs in the autonomous areas. Peace Watch's chief researcher Pinhas Inbari said the violations could lead to a breakdown of the peace agreement, while Bob

Lang, also of the group, said the violations are being carried out systematically and intentionally. The committee is scheduled to discuss Israeli violations of the accords next week. Shahor briefly answered journalists' questions on the reports of his meetings with opposition MKs, saying he is continuing to

work in the IDF and is scheduled to meet with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai when "unprecedented" and Ori Orr Mordechai returns from a visit to (Labor) said it "cheapened and the United Kingdom. harmed the committee."

TAX

(Continued from Page 1) Netanyahu insisted that the budget cuts would be passed in the end, however.

There will certainly be some changes, but [the final version] will in the main be what we presented," he said. "We passed it in first reading ... and when we get to the second and third readings we'll pass it as well. We'll pass it because we have to cut the huge national overdraft."

However, at least one coalition member is already threatening to vote against the budget.

"I think we should vote against this budget, even at the price of bringing down the government," Gesher faction chairman Maxim Levy said last night.

Netanyahu also used the press conference to try to scotch rumors that he has been undermining Meridor behind the scenes.

"We are cooperating fully [on the passage of the budget]," he said. "I am backing [Meridor] completely."

Arafat: No Israeli changes in Hebron

ELDAD BECK

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that he had not expected the Israeli demand to change the content of the agreement that was signed on IDF redeployment in

"There is an agreement, they want to change it, and I can't accept that," Arafat said, adding that there is no problem in the negotiations on Hebron, despite Israel's attempt to modify an international agreement that was signed in the White House in the presence of US President Bill

Arafat was speaking at the end of a meeting of the donors to the

Palestinian Authority held Jesterday in Paris.

According to Arafat and World Bank President Sames Wolfensohn, the meeting was successful and the participants from 34 countries and from 12 international development agencies have agreed to contribute more than \$845 million to the PA turing 1997, the sum Arafat menested during his speech in front of donor representatives yesterday. However, the two refract to reveal the exact smouth.

reveal the exact amount. In his speech. Arafat absused Israel of violating the 1994 torcement and he demanded to be rewritten.

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Too familiar to be exciting

GREER FAY CASHMAN

LICHES may be annoying, but they often contain more than a grain of truth. The cliche which comes to mind when surveying the fashion industry in Israel and abroad is that familiarity breeds contempt.

Almost everywhere one goes in the rag trade, people are com-plaining that business is bad. And it's no surprise - there is so little that is new and exciting.

Designers seem to have run out of ideas. Retro, which started out as a cute gimmick, is here to stay. zig-zagging backwards and forwards from the flapper era, with so much deja vu that one begins to suspect that designers have been replaced by parapsycholo-

At a time when pundits are forecasting a period of economic austerity, even the most fashionconscious of women thinks twice before forking out for a new outfit. Does she really need it? Does her wardrobe already contain similar garments, and if so, are they in today's fashion colors? If the answers are No. Yes, Yes, she's not going to buy, even when the clothes are immaculately crafted such as, for instance, those bearing the Erreuno label which have joined the ever-growing list of high-

High fashion never comes cheap, and Erreuno, sold exclu-

sively at Silhouette boutiques in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Ramat Hasharon, has a price range veering between NIS 4,000 and NIS

For the social butterfly who must have at least one new outfit each season, Erreuno, Versace. Kenzo, Armani, Max Mara and all the other international brand names now available in Israel offer elegant choices - but not too much variety. There is a sameness that verges on boring, even when the clothes are exquisitely cut and

Where some of the fashions may do well is in the booming religious market, which will gladly welcome long sleeves and maxi skirts. Some of the necklines are a little too daring for Orthodox requirements, but this can be easily remedied by a lace body suit, which enables the wearer to remain within the confines of modesty without compro-mising the design of the outer

Fashion manufacturers, in an effort to promote sales, have been pushing grays, khakis, mahogany and dark wood browns rather than black, to virtually bulldoze women into buying.

But with the uncertainty of the financial future, many women are rummaging through their closets instead of the sales racks and coming up with long-forgotten



Errenno, sold exclusively at Silhouette boutiques here, has a price range between NIS 4,000 and NIS 6,000.

coat, which after a long absence treasures which are just perfect. from the limelight is once again One of the most important win-

Glass in food: Yeah, so what?

UESTION: What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Answer: Finding half a worm, Question: What's worse than finding half a worm in your apple? Answer: Finding a piece of broken glass in your can of Chinese food. Question: What's worse than finding glass in your Chinese food? Answer: Being ignored by the producers of that food, after you submit a complaint.

Most consumers don't give too much thought to the food they buy at the supermarket other than to its taste and price. Unless it has foreign objects floating around in it... particularly if the objects are dan-

R.R. was invited to partake of a meal at a friend's house. While munching away at a "delicious" mouthful of canned Chinese vegetables, R.R. almost chomped herself into the hospital. Among the other marinated delicacies was a shard of glass. Wasting no time, R.R. sent a letter of complaint to the Metzuyan Mazon company in Rosh Ha'ayin. In the letter, which she sent by registered mail, she enclosed the shard as evidence. This was in July. No response, either by telephone or by mail, was forthcoming.

As time went by, and R.R. had other pressing life-related matters to attend to, the fragment of glass was temporarily forgotten. When September and October rolled around, however, and still no word was received from Metzuyan CAVEAT EMPTOR! RUTHIE BLUM

Mazon Ltd., R.R. became more annoyed by being ignored than she had been by having nearly cut her

Phoning the company on her behalf, I was told that "it is not possible that a customer who complained was ignored," since "we respond to anyone who turns to

"Fine," I said, "I'd like to speak to the manager and hear his

"No problem." said the unidentified person (perhaps the manager. not wishing to identify himself?) who answered my call. "We'll get back to you."

Like R.R., I'm still waiting.

Along the same lines; when S.R. opened a container of Strauss yoghurt, he was met with the umpleasant sight of a dead worm. Unlike R.R., be has not yet sent the object of his "distaste" to the company. Hopefully, he will not be ignored when he does. But what is it we consumers can do when our packaged food makes us question what other substances we may be ingesting without being aware of it?

Health spokesman's office suggests the following: The first step is to do what R.R. did. Sending a letter of complaint without the "evidence" is virtually a waste of time. Without proof that some-

thing was wrong with a food product, there is little anyone can do. Furthermore, according to a ministry spokeswoman, some people make false claims in this area, in hope of being rewarded with "compensation" packages from certain compa-

If the first step produces no results, the next step is to phone the regional food-control department of the health office in your area to complain both about the food product, and about the company's attitude towards it. The health office can run tests on food which may be contaminated in some way (as in the case of the yoghurt), or packaged in a dangerous way (as, perhaps, in the case of the Chinese food).

The following is a list of the health offices you can contact if the need should arise:

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Beaujolais Nouveau: Tonight we'll drink to that

VERY year, on the third Thursday of November, 50 million French men, women and children anxiously await the arrival at their favorite bars and bistros of the wine known as Beaujolais Nouveau. Two weeks ago, when I wrote about this wine in the Jerusalem Post Magazine, 1 observed sadly that we Israelis would have to wait a few weeks longer than most Frenchmen to drink the wine of the 1996 harvest. To my great surprise and plea-

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sure, I was wrong, and several local importers have succeeded in making arrangements that will allow Tel Avivians, Jerusalemites and Haifaites to sample the wine that millions of other bottles will be opened in Paris, Tokyo, San Francisco and London. Beaujolais Nouveau, which is

made from Gamay grapes that were harvested barely eight weeks ago, is a wine with neither pretensions nor complexity. In fact, so frivolous is the wine that nobody takes it with even the least bit of seriousness. The truth is, however, that few wines offer greater pleasure, and the ritual of gathering together in bars, restaurants and wine stores to taste it is one of the most delightful events of any har-

Made by the process known as carbonic maceration, which means that the whole bunches of grapes were allowed to ferment in scaled containers with carbon-dioxide gas, this is a wine with lots of fruit and color and very little of the tan**DANIEL ROGOV**

nins that make some young wines hard and bitter. The light, crisp, fresh Nouveau Beaujolais is so easy to drink that many consider it at its best when served chilled and drunk not in small sips but in large

At this writing, no one outside of the wineries of France has even the vaguest hint of what the 1996 wine will taste like. We do know that in mid-September the vines in the major Beaujolais Nouveau producing areas were in excellent condition; winemakers anticipate about the same quantity of wine as they had last year and are boping that winemaker in France assured me in a telephone conversation (swearing on "his mother's eyes") that "the 1996 wine has a light, lively and unusually attractive red color, a clean and fresh taste, and a remarkable level of fruitiness."

Whether his prediction will prove fully accurate remains to be seen. Until tonight, however, speculation on just how high that quality will be, will be a topic of discussion of every major city in the world. Regardless of those speculations one can be quite certain that tonight, as the wine makes its first appearance, men and women who enjoy the combination of wine and sociability will once again be standing in line, waiting more or less patiently until the first glass is placed in front of them.

There are some who say the wine is overpriced and that the race to

drink it on the first day of its appearance has been overly commercialized. Those people are probably right, but they are miss-ing the point, for drinking this delightful wine is as much a social and aesthetic ritual as it is an exercise in pure fun.

As in France, from the simplest bars to the most prestigious restaurants, we Israelis will wait more or less patiently until the glasses are filled, and then thirstily gulp down a first glass. Second, third and fourth glasses will then be ordered, all accompanied by loud discussions about the quality of the wine, comparing this year's wine to last, reminiscing about how great the vine of 1985 was, and drea about how truly great the wine of next year will be.

Among the wines scheduled to debut tonight are the Beanjolais Nouveau of George DuBoeuf and the Beaniolais Villages Nouveau of Joseph Drouhin - both of whom are among the best and most respected wine negotiants of the Beaujolais region. Also appearing tonight will be the Beaujolais Nouveau of Reine Pedauque.

Celebrations will start at about midnight in Tel Aviv at Yo'ezer Wine Bar, the winestore of Slovatik, and restaurants including Dixie, Cafe Rose, Marie Antoinette, Moul Yam and Picasso. In Givatayim, a special midnight tasting will take place at Special Reserve, the wine store of Naftali. Jerusalemites will find celebra-

tions at Avi Ben, the Nahalat Shiva

wine store, and in Haifa the late-

night festivities will take place at Special Reserve, the wine store adjoining the Dan Carmel Hotel, and at the Ackerman wine store on Rehov Hanamal.

After the first-night celebrations are over, the wines will be available at many wine shops. The wine of DuBoeuf and Drouhin are expected to sell for about NIS 55 each; that of Reine Pedague for

le Blaujolais nouveau :

about NIS 49. The wine of Domaine Longere, which will cost NIS 42.50 per bottle will be sold

exclusively at Tirosh Auction house in Herzliya Pituah during special sales to be held from 11 a.m. to about 5 p.m. on the 29th and 30th of the month. Keep in mind that most stores offer discounts for purchases of full cases

Millenium bug approaches

OME European firms are still unaware they could face oblivion because of the millennium bug, which is set to cause mayhem in some computers at midnight on December 31, 1999, business leaders told a conference earlier this month. The problem could also hit some

computers in Israel. As clocks tick past the start of the new millennium, many computers across the world will either crash or start pumping out wrong data.

Despite widespread publicity about the threat, many companies have failed to take action soon enough and many could find their systems crashing - possibly triggering a company collapse.

By the end of 1999, more than 50 percent of information technology (II) firms will have systems producing erroneous results because of the 2000 issue," Gartner Group analyst Peter Sondergaard told the confer-

The problem stems from shortcuts taken by programmers in the '70s and '80s who tried to save computer memory by abbreviating dates to the last two digits. This will work fine until the end of the 20th century, but computers will read the year 2000 as 00, sparking possibly fatal errors. Scouring through millions of lines of computers' software code to solve the problem will take a massive

European IT leaders at the conference expressed concern at the worldwide threat posed by the bug, which many companies are only just beginning to wake up to.
"We have to raise the profile [of

army of computer programmers.

the problem] to make sure all industries are aware of it," Lucio Stanca, general manager of IBM said.

Stanca was on a panel with leaders of COMPAQ Computer Corp., French computer maker Groupe

Bull, Germany's Siemens Nixdorf,

and German software giant SAP AG to discuss the impact of information technology in Europe. The conference was organized by US technology consultancy Gartner Group.

This is a huge problem. Time is critical; when we get closer, demand for fixes will get huge and industry may not be able to handle it," Stanca

Stanca said that this would not include IBM's customers, telling the conference: "We have made this commitment that all our products will be enabled for the year 2000." Information technology experts fear that even though a huge amount of effort will be invested in curing this problem before 2000, many programs dating back to the 1970s are buried deep in computer systems and will resist discovery.

Some forecasters have said the problem could be serious enough not only to cause many corporate bankruptcies, but might even trigger a world economic depression.

The industry leaders said they would stand by their customers. "We have a duty to safeguard our customers, and all ours will be Year

2000 compliant. It is a huge investment, a huge task; we have 300 people working on this," said Jean Marie Descarpentries, chairman and chief executive of Groupe Bull. Gerhard Schulmeyer, president

and chief executive of Siemens Nixdorf, said his company would not abandon its customers, but added that it had to be a joint effort. Schulmeyer reminded the conference that a huge amount of computer time was also needed for companies to prepare for European economic and monetary union, set to go ahead on January 1, 1999. "We are assuming it will happen.

But it will take so many resources that other projects will fall by the wayside," Schulmeyer said. (Reuter)

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Unchanged melody

burned, but in these more enlightened days, the United Nations manages to ignore global brush fires while it gets on with the important task of trying to fiddle the choice of who is to head the creaking organization.

The directors of any corporation that has to pursue its goals in a competitive and unpredictable world could assess and solve the UN leadership problem in a matter of minutes. A major investor is withholding substantial funds because it thinks the current corporation chairman has failed to address major organizational problems. The investor has long made it clear it wants him replaced and in any case has a veto on the choice of chairman. The problem solves itself - faced with a veto, the chairman must step down gracefully, take his golden handshake and vanish outo the lecture circuit, while the corporation briskly gets on with electing a new chief executive officer.

Not so the United Nations. The very haggling over who should be secretary-general is in itself an example of what is wrong with the organization - incompetence, poor planning and consultation, the priority of pettiness over necessity, and a failure to get the job done. With tiresome predictability, the self-elected spokespeople of the Third World have declared it is all the fault of the United States and, rather than seeking an alternative candidate to Boutros Boutros-Ghali, have decided to waste time extracting as much propaganda juice from the impasse as possible.

Of course, as well as the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia, all have veto power on the 10-member security council. It just happens that these members are strong supporters of Boutros-Ghali, yet the British UN Ambassador Sir John Weston very sensibly told council members that while London would have liked to see Boutros-Ghali reelected, US opposition simply has changed the situation and members should deal with it and move on.

Instead, the squabbling members want either to force a compromise on the United States, more petry - want "to maximize the damage of conditions in their home countries.

TERO may have fiddled while Rome the dispute" in the words of one diplomat who added "in doing so, they will damage the credibility of the United Nations." The reporter of the remark might well have asked the diplomat "what credibility?"

It is clear that though the world has changed since the days of the Cold War, many United Nations members continue merrily along their unchanged, inefficient, money-grabbing. Westbashing, pathways and furthermore expect the United States to foot the bill. The ultimate condemnation of the way the United Nations conducts its business is the fact that the candidates African and other countries want to promote are being considered because they come from their regions or from certain (usually backward) political alignments. Hardly a voice has been raised to protest that maybe the best person for the iob should be chosen - some person who would clamp down on the glaring abuses in the United Nations and redefine desirable and achievable goals before the next century catch-

es it by surprise. The simple fact stated by Washington is that the Egyptian diplomat Boutros-Ghali has been less than successful in a job that now requires an entirely new caliber of leader. His failure has been one of leadership, pure and simple. There remains a bloated bureaucracy, agenda-driven and money-gobbling UN organizations, inept officials who hold top jobs not on merit but on the principle the British call "Buggins' turn." All are as a firmly entrenched now as when Boutros-Ghali arrived.

The time has come to turn this "job for the boys" organization over to a new breed of leader entirely. The organization could do far worse this time than to make "one of the boys" one of the girls - there are plenty of promising women candidates. At the very least, the Security Council should stop its Third World squabbling. It might also try to ensure the job goes to someone who can be guaranteed to do better as head of the United Nations than many of the previous such as a half term for Boutros-Ghali, or - even secretaries general have ever done to improve

Romania chooses real change

doubts that the job begun with getting rid of Nicolae Ceaucescu has been left unfinished. Last weekend's election hopefully should go some way to redress that.

The 57-year-old Emil Constantinescu won the presidential contest with a far bigger margin -54 to 46 percent over the incumbent Ion Iliescu - than polls and pundits had predicted. The president-elect is well aware that Romania is the most ill-favored of the eastern poor cousins of Europe and it continues to retain a dismal image. The European public knows Romania from the images of its scandalous orphanages full of unwanted and neglected children, investors and businessmen know it as the regional basket case where theft and bureaucratic dishonesty are rampant and which has failed to deliver on promises of authentic democratic and market reforms.

Constantinescu is well aware of the challenge: "We will only succeed if we do away with incompetence and theft and if the austerity program starts with austerity for people at the top."

all the countries of eastern Europe The president-elect also benefited from a particwhich formerly were in the Communist ularly crass error by the outgoing president who bloc, Romania has left the most nagging accused Romania's substantial Hungarian minority during his election campaign of being disloyal to the state and not real Romanians. Constantinescu picked up 92 percent of the 1.6 million ethnic Hungarian votes and, added to his powerful showing among the educated urban middle classes, the result paints an electoral image of a man seen as good for national unity and reconciliation, as well as for promoting progress, business and the good life.

That indeed would be a welcome change in a country that has appeared to be headed down a divisive and seedy pathway for the past couple of years. The post-Ceaucescu government has all too often raised suspicion that the overthrow of the dictator was not a genuine democratic movement, as in the Czech republic, Hungary or Poland, but a mere putsch by one faction against another.

The new president now has a chance to bring Romania into line with the other progressive newly-democratic states of Europe. He may only have one chance to do so.

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Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I CANADIANS IN ISRAEL

Sir, - For a book on Canadians

in Israel, including those who

arrived long before statehood, I

am interested in receiving on loan

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR USE ABROAD

Sir, - With reference to attorney Leon Fine's article in your recent real-estate supplement, I would like to clarify the verification requirements for a power-of-attorney agreement signed in Israel for ollections of those who returned,

If the power-of-attorney agreement is not signed before a consular officer of the overseas state. it must be signed before an Israeli notary. The notary's signature must then be verified by the Ministry of Justice in Jerusalem. In addition, and in order to assist the public, the minister has given authority to the Chief Clerk of the Magistrates' Courts in Tel Aviv and Haifa to verify the signatures of notaries in theirs areas.

If the overseas state is a signatory to the Hague Convention, which can be checked out at the time of verification, as apostille will be affixed and signed. The power-of-attorney agreement can then be sent overseas.

If, however, the overseas state is not a signatory to the Hague Convention, after verification as above, the power-of-attorney agreement must be taken to the consular department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem before it can be sent overseas.

ETTY ESHED. Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice

(to be returned) memoirs, anec-dotes, personal and family histo-18098, Jerusalem 91180, fax (02) ries, sagas of early absorption,

hardships, successes, failures, rec-JERUSALEM GRAND MUFTI Sir, - Jay Bushinsky did not have to wait for Jennie Lebel's 1993 book on Jerusalem's Grand Mufti of Mandate days, Haj Amin el-Husseini, to learn about el-Husseini's Nazi links and

the Holocaust ("Startling coverup," October 27).

Joseph B. Schechtman's volume on the subject, published in 1965, contains all relevant mate-

rial necessary to realize that el-

active attempts to participate in

Husseini's traveling to Berlin, his meetings with Hitler and other high Nazi officials as well as his coordinated trips throughout the Balkans, were a natural outcome of his anti-Jewish campaign, begun in 1920 and bequeathed to the Fatah (Yasser Arafat attended his funeral) and

conditions that inspired aliya, and

conditions of life in Palestine/Israel. Loan of pho-

tographs will be appreciated.

MELVIN FENSON

YISRAEL MEDAD

the other Arab terror organiza-

PROSTATE CANCER

Sir, - Many thanks for your informative article of November 10, "Bringing prostate cancer out of the closet."

I recently received an article on prostate cancer published in Sports Illustrated that raised frightening questions to which your article gave definitive answers, and that you reported so well from responsible and anthoritative sources. Because of your acumen in reporting journalism, I will now be able to sit with my doctor, and in a calm mode, show

him the "scare tactic" of the American Cancer Society and Cancer Research Institute that was displayed in a full page ad sponsored by - guess who?! - (the bottom line in small, small print "Schering Corporation is proud to sponsor the Prostate Cancer Initiative"). What do you think the odds are that the Schering Corporation produces the Prostate Specific Antigen test kit?

STANLEY KIMMEL



ONG before Israel's election last spring Binyamin Netanyahu's enemies, homegrown and Western, warned that if he won the economy of Israel

would swiftly be shot to bits. Direct foreign investment in Israel would plunge downward. So would foreign investment in Israeli stock markets. Israel's foreign-exchange holdings and credit rating would dive. Trade with Arabs - forget it.

Now predictions are stated as tact in newspaper columns and op-ed pieces. They announce that investment by foreigners is falling steadily, Arab businessmen are edging away, hope for huge Israeli-Arab regional projects is gone.

When predictions are stated as reality they achieve their objective of worrying more people, including potential investors.

I believe that even if the predictions had become fact Israelis were right to select Netanyahu, not Shimon Peres, to protect their security. But there is no evidence that the predictions have become fact, considerable indication they have not. The latest statistics from the

apolitical Bank of Israel show that direct foreign investment in Israel increased 29 percent to a record \$1.936b, in the first nine months of 1996, as compared with the same period last year. Foreign investments in Israeli financial markets increased from \$700m. to \$1.1b. Foreign exchange stands at a new high of \$11b.

The bank says it does not keep monthly tabs. So it cannot say how much of the increase happened during Labor's five months in power this year, how much in Likud's four. But top nonpolitical Israeli economists say there is no sign of a turndown during the Likud's months, particularly of

- A.M. ROSENTHAL * foreign investment in Israel's piv-

otal high-tech industries. The recent economic conference in Cairo showed Arabs eager

to deal with Israel - obviously saying that peace with the Palestinians would increase trade. About those ideas of vast Arab-Israeli projects for airports and power stations - no, none took

Predictions that a Netanyahu victory would mean an economy swiftly shot

to bits do not seem

to have materialized

place in the Likud's months. But none took place in all of Labor's years in power. Maybe they never will. Trust between Arabs and Israelis is too fragile for them to root their economies in some joint rose garden.

ARAB and Israeli economists understand that growth lies in smaller enterprises, not in diesnis that multinational corporations will come a-dancing to invest billions in mammoth projects. between longtime enemies in an area given to war, terrorism and

shaky dictatorships.

Meanwhile Israeli inflation goes down, from the 15 percent Labor bequeathed to 11 percent now. Israel's international credit rating, reconfirmed recently, was never higher.

All this will come as a disappointment to Israelis and Westerners who yearn for the Netanyahu government to become so destabilized that it will have to take Peres and Labor into a coalition, giving him power that the voters declined to renew.

Another piece of depressing news for destabilization fans is expected soon: agreement on Hebron. It would give Israel the right not only to pursue terrorists into the Arab sections after they kill Jews but to

go in if it gets credible word that killings were being planned. The Hebron issue was hyped by Yasser Arafat, Peres - who never settled it when he was in power and President Clinton. More critical issues remain between Israel and the Palestinians, including Palestinian statehood, the size and armor of the

Palestinian army, and Jerusalem.

And, though it has escaped
Western interest, the Israelis not only have to protect themselves against terrorism, but also against countries that dearly want to destroy them, including Syria, Iraq and Iran.

A military alliance by these countries against Israel is not a fantasy but the essence of strategy. By voting for Netanyahu most Israeli Jews knew they might pay an economic price to protect their national and individual lives

Western opponents of Metanyahu
were taken aback by the decision
so disrespectful to the supremacy

of trade balance sheets. The voters gave Netanyahu the right and duty to risk paying an economic price for his country's security. It has not come to that, according to the Bank of Israel.

But if ever it does, Netanyahu will continue to have the same right and bear the same duty - like every other elected leader.

(Courtesy of the New York Times)

problem of family violence. Nor will

spending huge sums of money on

rehabilitating these men. They usual-

ly don't change. Even if they want to,

they often can't, they are too locked

The key is educating women

before they become involved with

these men. And there are almost

always warning signs early on in a

relationship.
When Mark, a keen golfer, and

I were dating he once missed a

putt during a game and got so

enraged he threw his golf club

across the green and began curs-

ing violently. I pushed the inci-

dent to the back of my mind; now

I realize it should have made me

question continuing the relation-

ship.
Women who have been in violent to spot

the warning signs are the best ones

to talk to others. Their personal

experience will have a greater

into their set behavior patterns.

have been next.

I'm sure that had I stayed in the cidal instincts. marriage, physical abuse would Pretty speeches and passing laws are very nice, but they won't solve the

children's? The answer lies in our difficulty

hostilities; but the history of the past three years shows there is no . "total peace" around the corner.

Yitzhak Rabin was at times quite honest in presenting the "peace process" as crucial in preparing Israel to confront even greater strategic threats more effectively.

dle consensus among most Labor and Likud leaders. But narrow party politics has made it impossible for most of them to project such a complex, realistic

And it is that failure which has been so minous to national and army morale.

According to MK Ra'anan Cohen, 70 percent of men between the ages of 22 and 50 do not do reserve duty. The catastrophic proportions of this avoidance could well lead to the total

high command is part of the problem and cannot be expected to

urgent intervention of the government, or preferably the more widely-based Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. which must reassert its primacy over what is basically a people's

CAROL RUSHTON

Women hold the key

sat in the Knesset balcony on Tuesday and listened to MKs talking about violence against Yael Dayan read out a list of

names of women who have been murdered by their partners, Silvan Shalom said we needed to do more. Various other MKs spoke about the need for prevention and education, but none seemed very clear about how to go about it. The prime minister hit the nail on

the head when he called violence against women and children another form of terror.

Physical, verbal, psychological, mental or sexual abuse is terrorism. Often the physical abuse is the last to manifest itself after the others have been evident in the relationship. My ex-husband never hit me. I

wish he had. He was an expert at psychological tetror. He would drop "bombs" on me out of the blue, devastating my life

while he remained in control. Only after 5% years was I able to figure out what was going on and see a clear pattern. Mark (not his real name) used violence in a subtle way. When he

became angry because, for example, his favorite sports team wasn't performing to his expectations, he would pummel the wall with his fists. It was enough to scare me and keep me in line.

He would deliberately pick arguments with me right before we went out, then threaten to leave me behind unless I promised "to be good." When we did go, he degraded me in front of our friends.

He started refusing to take me to restaurants because I "didn't know how to behave properly in public." He wouldn't talk to me because I was "stupid and boring" and wouldn't do anything with me after we were married because I suddenly "didn't know how to have fun."

something or even open a can of soun and fix it if I was ill. Having to get up, get dressed and get out in the middle of a Minnesota winter with six or seven feet of snow on the ground when

It got to the point that he would

refuse to go to the store and get me

From time to time he would threaten to divorce me, saying we didn't have anything in common. Two minutes later he would look at me in astonishment and ask, "Carol, why are you crying?" He did this the evening before we were supposed to sign for our house. AFTER a particularly horrible weekend I finally realized something was very wrong. He was angry

Pretty speeches and passing laws are very nice but they won't solve the problem of family violence

counseling (he refused to go). His verbal castigation started at 5:15 a.m. on Friday morning before I had to go to work and continued for several bours the next day, concluding with his banging

When he asked me on Sunday night if I had had a good weekend I knew this man could kill me and not remember afterwards what he

A JOURNALIST'S job isn't as

easy as it seems, as witness the

The reporter for Los Angeles

radio station KNX was in her car

one recent morning when she was told to head for the Century Plaza

Hotel and do an immediate live

feed on Natan Sharansky, address-

ing a conference on the Israeli

Thompson rushed to the hotel

and was directed to a room where

an Israeli dignitary was speaking

to a group of people. At this point,

her station signaled that she was

economy.

you have the flu is not a lot of fun. on the air, so Thompson whipped

adventures of Diane Thompson.

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his head against the wall.

If I had heard someone talk about what had happened to them, perhaps it wouldn't have happened to me.

The writer is a radio journalist living in Jerusalem.

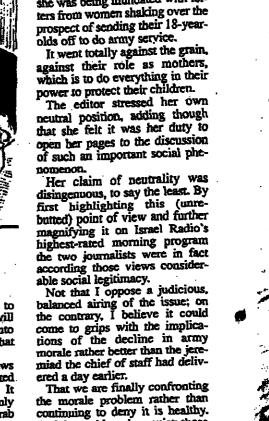
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out her mike and started the interview. And indeed, she got a very good interview with Sharansky, except that the gentleman was Ron Nachman, mayor of Ariel.

Nachman was the guest of the Rev. Jerry Falwell, and for the next few minutes, spoke animatedly on the meeting's topic, namely the importance of returning to fundamental religious values.

None of the KNX listeners seemed bothered by the change of topics, but the station eventually issued a clarification.

(Tom Tugend)



attitude began to change only in the 1940s, in response to the imminent demise of the British Mandate and the total helplessness of European Jewry in the face of the Holocaust. We are at last admitting the morale

And the problem does exist, those

mothers' fears are quite normal.

They are also in the mainstream of Jewish historical tradition.

We have been perhaps the most

anti-militaristic of peoples for the

past 18 centuries, ever since the

bloody suppression of the Bar

Kochba revolt of 135 CE. This

problem exists and that's a beginning _____ and we persisted in our nor mal" Jewish attitudes, we would

never have established an independent Israel. We won our War of Independence by the skin of our teeth, at a cost of 6,000 dead, due to a tremendous "abnormal" gian come outpouring of patriotism and the readiness of many - never all, there were many more draft-

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the Jewish people. SUCH A profound and sudden change in deeply-entrenched attitudes was near-miraculous and could easily be reversed if we do not exercise vigilance against the periodic outcropping of our long-established contradictory and sui-

dodgers in 1948 than ever since -

to risk their lives for the future of

One may ask: Are we still a nation under military threat? Isn't peace around the corner? If the threat has truly disappeared why continue to risk our lives and our

in understanding complex situations and in our insistence on thinking in black and white. We have entered on a process that could lead to a reduction of

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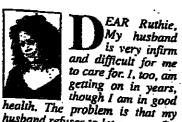
Meanwhile the morale problem can be dealt with only by redistributing the security burden more fairly. And the problem is most acute in the reserves.

collapse of the reserve army sys-One thing is obvious. The IDF

come up with solutions. The problem calls for the

The writer comments on public

Care for yourself – then for hubby



husband refuses to let anyone else feed, bathe, or shave him. He feels uncomfortable having a stronger - even if the stranger is a registered nurse - perform these "intimate" tasks for him. Our situation is that we still live in our own home, as neither of us wishes to move into a home for the elderly. Luckily, we have the financial means to hire help. But, though ! understand my husband's ill ease, I am 100 exhausted to do all of the things for him which I have been doing. How can I convince him to allow a private morse to live with

> Exhausted Elder Ramat Hasharon

Before you will be able to convince your husband to accept outside assistance, you must first convince yourself that hiring a private

ing of your responsibilities. Your husband may not wish to have a "stranger" perform "intimate tasks" for him, but if you were to collapse from exhaustion as a result of having to perform the tasks yourself, he would then have no choice but to succumb.

Instead of reaching the point at which circumstances such as these force him into compliance, it is possible for you to impose your will in advance. Obviously, imposing your will on this particular issue has been even more difficult for you than tending to your husband's physical needs. But now that the scales are tipping in the other direction, you will have to muster up the inner strength to believe that your needs are worth at least equal consideration.

If you can manage to invest your mental energy in withstanding emotional pressure put on you by your husband, both you and your husband will emerge victorious. Furthermore, a private nurse will only be a "stranger" initially. Eventually, she (or he) can become a part of the family.

My granddaughter entered the army not long ago, and since then she has begun behaving in a way find offensive. She brings boys home for the weekend, and they spend the night in her bedroom. I am upset with my son and daughter-in-law for allowing this, but especially peeved when they allow it in my presence. Last Shabbat, for example, when I was a guest at my son's house, my granddaughter had a boy over. They even had the gall to wake up late, and come to the table in a slovenly state of half-dress, just

Should I have a talk with my granddaughter, or with my son? I think my daughter-in-law will see Grimacing Granny

to eat in a hurry, and run off when

they were done.

Dear Grimacing Gran,

I hate to break this to you, but having a talk with your son or with his daughter will not serve to alter the situation. Unless your purpose is to announce that you do not wish to be invited on a weekend during which your granddaughter plans on being present with a male escort in tow.

It is your prerogative to disapprove of your son and daughter-inlaw's house rules regarding their daughter. It is your prerogative to stay away from their home when your granddaughter has a boy sleep over. But it is not in your power to change their mores.

Their manners, however, are a different story. If wolfing down a Shabbat meal and running off at its conclusion is behavior which offends you as a grandmother and as a guest, you certainly have the right to speak your mind. Just take into account that reprimands often have the opposite effect on those reprimanded than the reprimander originally intends.

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Abdela: It is quite interesting that Palestinian and Israeli women share the same problems.

Eurospeak gobbledygook, but for Lesley Abdela these two words have become a powerful argument for advancing women.
"Usually, I don't like Eurospeak but this is one phase I have adopted because what it is saying is that

True democracy

includes proper

representation

of women.

according to a

consultant on

women's

empowerment,

Gail Lichtman

writes

ARITY democracy may

sound like some kind of

unless women are roughly in equal numbers in the decision-making levels of the political process, a country is not a democracy. This is a very strong argument in Britain (where I am from), in Israel and in the world," she states

Abdela, an internationally recognized consultant for the advancement and empowerment of women in public life, who recently spent a week in Israel as a guest of the British Council, brought this message to Jewish, Arab, Palestinian and Beduin women. She is a senior parmer in her own equal-opportunities consultancy firm, founder of the UK All-Party 300 group (whose aim is to get more women elected to the British Parliament) and winner of the 1996 UK Woman of Europe

In Neveh Shalom, Abdela was the keynote speaker at international conference which included Israeli Arab and Jewish women as well as some 24 South African women leaders. In Beersheba, she conducted a political skills workshop for Beduin women. In Jerusalem, she led a discussion for a mainly Jewish audience on women in politics. In Haifa, she lectured on breaking the glass ceiling in the workplace, and in Nazareth, she conducted a workshop on empowerment for Israeli Arab women. In addition, the ran two workshops on lobbying skills for Palestinian women in Gaza and

Over the past three years, Abdela has trained both women and men for parity democracy in Ghana, India, Malta, Jordan, Egypt, Ukraine, Lithuania and Nigeria. But this was the first time she has ever done this

While this was not Abdela's first trip to Israel (she took a backpack vacation trip 18 years ago), it was the first time she really got to meet Israeli women and hear their views

"I had the pleasure of meeting three of women MKs -Communications Minister Limor Livnat, MK Yael Dayan and MK Naomi Chazan, and lots of women movers and shakers. From the international press, you get the impres-sion that the whole of Israel is of one particular political view - conservative, right wing. I never realized how many women there are working for coexistence and a peaceful outcome in this country."

The two workshops Palestinian women added another

dimension to Abdela's visit. "It is quite interesting that Palestinian and Israeli women share the same problems. Both have a lot in common in terms of barriers and legislation, the attitudes of society towards women in politics, the problems of religious laws and artitudes, the

ongoing military culture, etc. I understand that only 10% of the local councillors in Israel are women and only nine out of 120 Knesset members. There are only five women out of 88 on the Palestinian Council."

In pursuit of

'parity democracy'

"Palestinian women want the legislation of the Palestinian Council to be gender sensitive, which means that women are included and the laws are what they want. So, they have come up with a marvelous idea [which will take place next March] to engage men in debate. They have divided legislation into five sectors and will be having a model parliament on each sector in which women elected by other women will take part in policy debates with top male opinion makers on policies

"This is a good exercise in practical democracy. And it is the first country where this has been done. I am very excited and I think, if it works, we can use it as a model for other countries."

Abdela was also very excited about the Neveh Shalom conference devoted to developing solidarity between Israeli and South African women. Sponsored by the New Israel Fund and Shatil, its support project for voluntary organizations, the event brought together Jewish and Arab activists from Israeli women's organizations with 24 of their South African counterparts.

"The South African women were sharing their experiences, after having gone through a very bitter con-flict, on how they are rebuilding their society. "South Africa is particularly

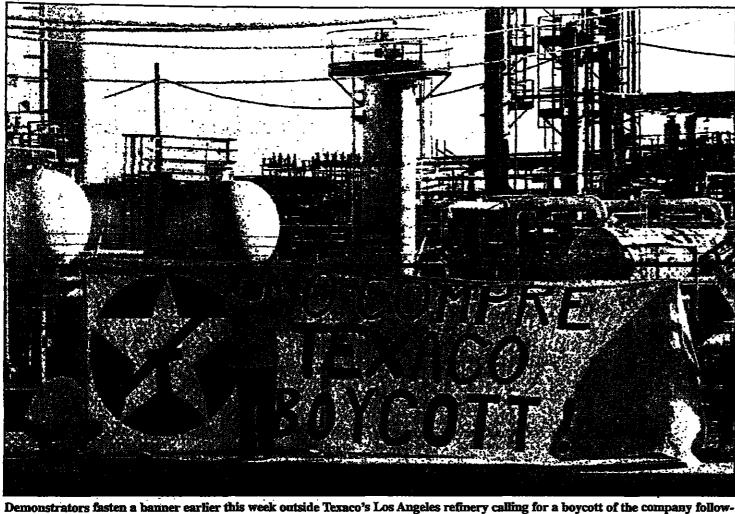
exciting today because no committee that is involved in dismantling apartheid and rebuilding society has any validity unless there are at least 25% women members. And many of the committees have

The New Israel Fund workshop in Beersheba for 40 young Beduin women was another eye opener. "What came out was that on top of the same issues that Arab and Jewish women in Israel and Palestinian women face, were the extra layers of it not being generally accepted for women to go out of the home for education or work.

"But in spite of this, these women are doing some amazing things. They are running some really good income-generating projects - weaving things at home. They even have put out a catalog and are selling not only in Israel but in other countries as well. Also they have set up a network for second-year women university students to help first-year students because there are only about 15 or 20 Beduin women in Israeli universities.

Abdela feels it is very important for these Beduin women, many of to hear that other women have bad to overcome the same forces. "I was actually telling them that not so long ago in Britain girls had to stay home and it was not considered the right thing to go to university. Women could only get a full Cambridge degree from about 1948. I don't think anybody's ever said to them that other societies have had some of the same things to face.

"The Palestinian women [are] so wise in carefully trying to piece together something positive out of an awful mess. The Israeli women [are] working to see if they can build bridges and change things. If only these groups were running things in this region. Imagine if the Knesset were 50% women MKs. I just think it would all be different."



ing its multi-million-dollar settlement of a race discrimination suit. The sign reads: 'Do not buy Texaco.'

Racism comes out of the closet in corporate America

MERICANS have recently expressed shock and astonishment at allegations of overt racism inside the Texaco oil and Avis car-rental companies, and those who are amazed aren't black.

As sordid stories seep out that some Avis Rent-A-Car locations rebuffed prospective black customers for no good reason, and that senior Texaco officials African-American derided employees as "black jelly beans" and worse, many blacks are left with an "I told you so"

"This demonstrates that we aren't just paranoid about the country we live in," said Todd Boyd, associate professor of popular culture at the University of Southern California. "I didn't need the managers at Texaco to confirm that for me, but that's what they did."

Lawrence Otis Graham, whose White Plains, New York, consulting firm tracks the progress of minorities and women in corporate America, said he wished the cases at Texaco and Avis were aberrations. He doubts they are. "Many companies have no idea how bad a job they are doing," Graham said.

Charges of racism are nothing new for police and courts, but

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the public rare glimpses of how attitudes about race can collide with big business.

In the same way, videotaped evidence of Rodney King's beating in Los Angeles lent credence to longtime claims by minorities of widespread police brutality, Graham said. The Texaco and Avis cases will cement forever the image of racist corporate executives for many blacks, he added.

"Upper- and middle-class whites can cause the greatest harm because they have the power. They can keep corporate boardrooms all white, or exclude blacks from living in a neighborhood," said Joe Feagin, a University of Florida sociology professor who has researched America's race relations for 30

Civil rights lawyers in North Carolina filed a class-action lawsuit in federal court against Avis and the owner of five Avis outlets in North and South Carolina for refusing to rent cars to blacks.

The lawyers representing would-be customers said corporate officials did nothing to stop

Eleven days after a tape of a secretly recorded Texaco board meeting was made public, the oil giant settled a long-pending \$520 million class-action lawsuit Friday for \$176.1m. - the largest settlement of a racialdiscrimination suit in the US. The suit alleged prejudice in Texaco's treatment of minority employees, and the tape added to the evidence, depicting executives using racial slors and speaking of destroying docu-

ments sought by the plaintiffs. Feagin said that outside of the rare public disclosure of racism from sports executives such as Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott and former general manager Al Campanis of the Los Angeles Dodgers, corporate officials generally keep incendiary issues of race at arm's length. "Corporate executives usually cover their tracks so well," Feagin said. "For me, the most chilling aspect is no other person in the [Texaco] meeting spoke out against the language, or against destroying evidence. There wasn't one anti-racist at the meeting. Feagin, who is white, said he

thinks no one objected because whites hold far more racist attitudes than commonly perceived. He cited a 1992 Anti-Defamation League national survey that listed eight stereotypes for people on intelligence, criminality and desire to work. More than 75 percent of respondents said one or more of the negative stereotypes was true for blacks, 55 percent two or more were true, and almost 30

percent said all the characteristics were true, Feagin said. "We whites are in denial," Feagin said. "Our top political leaders, scholars and commentators all tell themselves and the general public that racism is dead or dying, and it's a great white lie. Racism is very much

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Koor may sell Israel Edible stake to CPC

DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

KOOR Industries Ltd. is at an advanced stage of negotiations to sell its 24.5 percent share of food distributor Tami – Israel Edible Products to US-based CPC International Inc.

Koor refused to reveal the terms of the deal, experts suggest the shares to be worth some \$35 million to \$45m. CPC already hold a 51% share of IEP, with the remaining 24.5% owned

by the family of the late George Factor. Tami already distributes a variety of CPC brand name products, including

Mazola and Knorr. The firm also produces and markets Telma products, Blue-Band margarine, Vered Hagalil chocolate and 778 preserves.

Koor says the sale of its Israel Edible Products holdings is part of an overall strategy to get out of activities which are not central to its operations, and instead focus on electronics, telecommunications, energy and related fields. IEP ranks 30th in terms of Israel's industrial leaders by sales volume.

according to Dun & Bradstreet International. Sales totalled \$211.6m. last year. **Australian firms** look to invest here

Sunshine, IAI consider carbon fiber factory **DAVID HARRIS**

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Melhuish paid a three-day visit to

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a closed economy," Meidan said.

"They realized they couldn't

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SEVERAL Australian firms are currently considering multi-million dollar investments in Israel, the Center for Business Promotion revealed yesterday. Their interests span from agriculture and to engineering.

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Negotiations between Sunshine Consolidated Industries and Israel Aircraft Industries to establish an advanced carbon fibers factory are "at an advanced stage," CBP foreign investment specialist Shachar Meidan said.

The factory, which would be built in Israel, would produce, amongst other items, ceramic materials for various aircraft parts.

The Australian company already has a patent for the anticipated method of production and would supply the knowhow for the operation, while IAI would manage the industrial production and marketing. aspects. The factory would cost tens of millions of dollars to set application

The partnership was initiated when Sunshine approached the Israeli embassy in Australia, which in turn asked CBP to hunt out advanced technologies."

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Indigo reports \$13.8m. in losses

INDIGO NV took a slight step toward the red, with net losses totalling \$13.8 million...

Company revenues for the quarter fell sharply to \$22,6m., a 47 percent drop over last year, when revenues totalled \$43.2m. Third-quarter revenues also dropped 23% compared to the second quarter of 1996.

A statement released by the company attributed the drop in revenues from the second to third quarter to a continued slowdown in the shortrun color printing market, slower sales during the summer and reduced price levels on sales to the company's Japanese distributor.

Analysts, however, were pes-simistic about the struggling Netherlands-based maker of shortrun digital color printers' ability to rebound. Despite the company's restructuring program, which was implemented last May and entailed the firing of some 240 employees,

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about one-third of the company's staff, and a decrease of some 25% in operational expenses, analysts said market demand for Indigo's highquality product does not exist. "Personally I don't think there is

much bope for Indigo," said Tal Liani. chief analyst at Xannex Securities. "The overall picture for the market for digital printers is not growing as expected. Scitex and Indigo both have losses. And even though Indigo's machine would get a nine out 10 compared to a six for Scitex's machine, the price of an Indigo machine is twice the price of a Scitex machine, there's no

demand for such quality." As competition from colored xerox makers also takes a bite out of Indigo's market share, Indigo will have to do a great deal of educating in order to survive and to meet its

"ambitious" goal of becoming profitable by the middle of next year, expens said.

There are a lot of big players in the field that believe in [Indigo's] product, but they'll have to start marketing and to refocus their product in other markets," said Douglas Goldstein, director of the securities division at Commstock Trading. adding that Indigo has only sold about 200 of its printers in the US.

In May, when the company amounced its restructuring plan, Indigo's shares were trading at about \$16. Since then the Nasdaq-traded shares have dropped continuously. On Tuesday, Indigo closed at \$5.375.

Indigo's printing systems produce brochures, flyers, business forms, newsletters and other printed documents using digital imaging technology. The company's customers include AT&T, 3M and Japan's Toppan Printing Co. Group.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Geneva court decision won't affect Nissim Gaon's local interests: A Geneva court's decision this week to declare businessman Nissim Gaon's Noga company bankrupt, will not affect his interests in Israel, his representative here told Ma'ariv

Noga's debts with Bank Leumi, Bank Discount and Bank Hasapanot amount to some \$18.5 million, the newspaper reported. However, Gaon's main interests in Israel, including Aprofim, are Jerusalem Post Staff not owned by Noga.

AMR declines to comment on big plane order: AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, declined to comment yesterday on media reports that it will announce an order for up to \$6 billion in Boeing Co. aircraft today. AMR recently said that it planned to replace its McDonnell Douglas Corp. MD-11s, the largest and longest-range aircraft in its fleet, and might acquire Boeing 757s to service its domestic routes.

AMR's board was scheduled to meet yesterday but the company declined to comment on the agenda.

The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that American Airlines plans to announce an order for "several hundred" new Boeing jets worth almost \$6b. to be delivered through 2020. The newspaper said the contract is for a total of 500 to 600 aircraft. which will mostly replace older models in the fleet like Airbus and Fokker. It said the airline would not make the announcement before the leaders of the airline's pilot union voted yesterday to bring a recently negotiated agreement to their membership for

US trade deficit climbs 10.1%

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Costly strength earlier this year and slugoil imports and weak overseas sales of commercial aircraft helped drive the US trade deficit with the rest of the world unexpectedly higher in September, the Commerce Department said yes-

The deficit climbed 10.1 percent to \$11.34 billion from a revised \$10.3b. in August, contrary to Wall Street economists' expectations for a narrowing of the trade gap to \$9.5b.

A politically controversial shortfall on trade with China continued to swell in September, while a small improvement was posted with Japan.

Total exports of goods and services dropped 1.4% in September from August.
to \$68.79b., while imports The deficit with Japan eased increased for a third consecutive month, rising a slight 0.1% to

\$80.13b. "The export side was very bad with a decline of over 0.1 percent versus an expected rise, and it was gories," Lee Youngdahl, an analyst at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. Inc., said. "Clearly the dollar's gishness of recovery abroad is weighing on exports.

The Commerce Department said the US's cumulative deficit on trade for the third quarter of \$33.2b. was the highest in nearly nine years, since it hit \$38.6b. in the fourth quarter of 1987. A day after a high-level Chinese delegation met US officials to dis-

cuss trade and economic issues. the department said the thirdquarter deficit with China soared to \$13.3b. to surpass the quarterly deficit with Japan of \$11.9b. Once again in September, China

was the country with which the US had the biggest bilateral deficit of \$4.73b., an increase of 0.4%

0.3% to \$3.79b. in September. "China has definitely surpassed

Japan as the highest deficit country. This is going to cause some political rumblings, because we already have representatives over tentious," Donald Maude, chief US economist at Scotia Capital Markets Inc., said.

Treasury bought same land twice

A lone cyclist passes a line of trucks blocking access to Bordeaux yesterday as French truckers,

striking for better pay and conditions, snarled traffic for the third day in a row.

Ports and Railways Authority Public Tender No. Halfa BN/18/96

THE SEA VESSEL "SAN ANDREAS" FROM HAIFA PORT The Ports and Railways Authority, Haifa Port (hereinafter, the "Authority" and/or "Haifa Port"), is interested in receiving bids from qualified marine works contractors [hereinafter, the "bidder(s)"] for

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RECOVERY AND REMOVAL OF

the recovery and removal of the sea vessel "San Andreas" from the sea bed in Haifa Port (hereinafter, the "project"). The anticipated period of time for carrying out the project: 48 days. Participation in the tender is dependent on the bidder meeting the following conditions and/or supplying the following information:

a) Proven experience that the bidder, in the past 5 years, has carried out similar see vessel recovery projects which involved the cutting up of the sunken vessel. The bidder shall include with its tender details of the work and data thereof, the place where the work was performed and references.

A bidder who has not performed similar work for the Ports and Reiways Authority shall attach to his bid written testimonials of at least 3 clients for whom he has carried out projects of a similar scale and in similar engineering spheres in the past 5 b) The provision of a Bank Guarantee from a first-class bank for

the fulfillment of the terms of the bid at a rate of 5% of the value of the bid (which "value" includes Israeli VAT at the current rate of 17%), and valid until 31/1/97.

The Bank Guarantees shall be in US Dollars or New Israeli Shekels linked to the US Dollar in accordance with the representative rate of exchange of the Bank of Israel.

c) Provision by the bidder of details of the method of work as well as a list of the equipment in its possession for the purpose of carrying out the work, or which it is the bidder's intention to hire and from whom he intends to hire it.

d) Provision by the bidder of details of its economic strength which make it possible to insure itself and the Authority for all risks as set out in the conditions of the contract. Within 10 days of the notification to the successful bidder that it has been awarded the works, and as a condition precedent to the signing of an agreement for the carrying out of the Project, proof of

insurance as set out herein. Payment to an Israeli Contractor shall be made in New Israeli Shekels linked to the US Dollar in accordance with the representative rate of payment in accordance with the rate set by the Bank of Israel as of the date of the payment after the presentation of all the necessary permits demanded by the Law, including, with regard to Israell entities, those required by the Public Bodies Works Law (enforcement of bookkeeping and payment of tay rivines). tax duties) - 1976.

Payment to a foreign contractor shall be made in US dollars. Offers shall be made in US Dollars.

A tour of the site will leave the building of the Building Department, Haifa Port, on 28/11/96 at 2:00 p.m.

Telephone +972-4-518228 to confirm participation. The documents for the tender and further details will be available from the Building Dept., Haifa Port, from 21/11/96 against payment of NIS 500 plus VAT (not refundable).

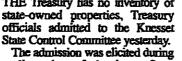
All documents and proposals should be submitted in English/Hebrew. BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM BIDDERS WHO DID NOT BOTH PURCHASE THIS TENDER AND ATTEND THE TOUR

Parties interested in participating in the tender shall submit their bids in writing together with all the necessary documents in a seeled envelope marked "San Andreas" and the tender no. "HAIFA

BN/18/96" no leter than 8/12/96 at 2:00 p.m. The envelope must be inserted into the tender box in the Administration Building, Second floor, Halfa Port.

The Ports and Railways Authority does not commit itself to accept the lowest bid or any bid whatsoever. The Authority reserves the right, in accordance with its discretion, to negotiate with the bidder/s with regard to those bids which seem to it the most appropriate.

Mendi Zaitzman



a discussion of the latest State Comptroller's Report, which revealed that the Treasury had bought a certain plot of land from the city of Rehovot twice, once in 1959 and once in 1988. The Treasury is still negotiating with the municipality in an attempt to get a refund for the second purchase, and has said it will sue if necessary.

When committee MKs demanded to know how the Treasury could have bought a building it already owned, Gabi Shohat, who is in charge of government housing for Treasury, and Deputy

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Accountant-General Yoel Ophir admitted they do not have a complete inventory of government-owned property. According to Shohat, the Treasury inventory contains only property owned by government ministries. It does not include other govemment properties such as bospitals, prisons, army installations and land owned by the railroad.

However, he continued, he is now trying to create a complete list of all government-owned properties. Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said it was unbelievable that the government did not even have a complete list of properties worth billions of shekels.

excessively high rent, and then later waived its purchase option. State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat found that buying the building would have been cheaper than continuing to pay the rent. The Comptroller's Office estimated the two Rehovot fiascos together had cost the state between \$6-7 million.

Treasury rented a building in

Rehovot with an option to buy, at

Ophir told the panel the Treasury had had no choice but to waive its option to buy the building, because it. was unable to find money for the purchase in the budget that year. Cohen demanded that the Treasury report back to the committee on what steps it had taken to prevent The committee also discussed such mishaps from recurring.



Ports and Railways Authority Tender No. 1418/001

RAILWAY SIGNALLING SYSTEM

1. The Ports and Railways Authority - Israel (P.R.A.), in accordance with the obligations with regard to selective tendering procedures, under the GATT Agreement on Governmental Procurement, invites suppliers to submit quotations for:

Railway Signalling System (Hereafter the "System") The Scope of Work includes the design, supply, Installation and commissioning of the System, in "Turn Key Project" terms, in railway stations between Tel Aviv -South and Lod

and options for additions of up to 200%. Potential suppliers must fulfill the pre-requisites as specified in the tender documents (available free of charge

upon application by fax). A meeting for bidders shall be held at Tel Aviv -South

Railway Station on 16-17 December, 1996, at 09:00 hours. The P.R.A. reserves the right to negotiate with selected bidders. Further, the P.R.A. is not obligated to purchase the

lowest priced system which might be offered by any Tender documents including technical specification are

available upon payment of NIS 3510 including VAT (not All documents and proposals should be submitted in

The last date to submit proposals is no later than

January 30, 1997, at 15:00 hours. The address for the purchase of the Tender Documentation

and for submitting the proposals is: Ports and Railways Authority - Israel **Purchasing Division** 74. Petach Tikva Road 11th Floor, Room 1103 Tel Aviv 61201, Israel Fax: 972-3-5616027

Arab bank union calls on sector to invest in region

increasing the flow of foreign investment into the Arab world, the Union of Arab Banks said yester-

One of the current and future challenges facing Arab banks is their ability to capitalize on growing international interest in the Arab region as a worthy investment area," it said in a report to an Arab banking conference in Beirut.

"The Arab banks are urged, in view of this fact, to work to increase the volume of investment flows into the Arab world on several sectors, the first of which is developing the base of their investment products and instruments," the report added.

It said direct foreign investments into Arab states rose to \$1.8 billion in 1994 from \$1.7b. in 1993, but both figures were less than 1 percent of private international invest-

The Arab banking sector should

BEIRUT (Reuter) - The Arab bank-ing sector has a vital role to play in motor of the Arab capital markets and should issue eurobonds on international capital markets, the report said.

These steps by the banks can boost the Arab world's position as an important investment region and contribute to attracting both expatriate and foreign capital and investments," it said. Arab banks' share in financing

Arab economies increased by 14.9% in 1995 to \$254b,, mainly through project finance and syndicated loans for major investment projects, the report added.

Total assets of Arab banks rose by 20.7% in 1995 to \$289b. compared with a 6.1% increase in 1994. This was partly due to the return

of expatriate money, increased inter-Arab investments, high interest rates coupled with monetary stability in many Arab countries, and the introduction of several new financial investment instruments.

SHALL MONEY MARKETS

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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SHARES rose yesterday after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called for additional public spending cuts, boosting optimism that interest rates will be

Prominent rising stocks included First International Bank, which jumped 4.5 percent after posting 63% higher third-quarter earnings. Team, a software company, added 3.25%; its parent is expected to sell shares on Wall Street shortly. Teva dropped 2.5%, after its American depositary receipts lost 3.2% Tuesday in New York.
"This is nice talk, and now let's

see the action,"said Idan Azoulay, a portfolio manager at Impact Securities, a subsidiary of Union

"If he cuts the subsidies for old people and the poor, I don't know if he can go on with that." Such cuts must be approved by the Knesset. "If it will be taxes on expensive cars," for example, Netanyahu wili have a better

chance of success, Azoulay said.
The Two-Sided Index climbed 0.56% to 196.32, while the Maof Index moved up 0.63% to 206.03. Supermarket operator Super-Soi was the most active stock, up 0.75% on NIS 3.6 million of

shares traded. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 62.5m. of shares traded, 19% greater than the month's daily average of 52.6m. More than two stocks climbed for every one that fell.

Among shares traded on Wall Street and in Tel Aviv, Koor Industries climbed 0.75%, after its unchanged.

ADRs rose 0.7% in New York on

Blue Square Investments, which

runs Co-Op supermarkets, added 1.75%. Its parent, Blue Square-Israel, reported third quarter earnings of 25 cents an ADR, against Koor subsidiary Tadiran eased 0.25%. Elbit shares jumped 1.5%. Elron Electronic Industries, a

holding company for technology investments, including 40 percent of Elbit, was 1% higher. American-Israeli Paper Mills

moved up 2.25%.

Nice Systems, which produced digital voice-recording and archiving systems, shed 3.5%. Israel Land Development rose

Among issues traded in Tel Aviv. the other banks followed First International higher. Bank Hapoalim, Discount Bank and Bank Leumi climbed 0.75%, 1% and 1.5%, respectively.

Most chemical companies were higher. Makhteshim and Agan added 0.5% and 1.5%, respectively. Israel Chemicals finished up 2.25% and Bromine Israel leaped 1.75%. Dead Sea Works was unchanged

Agan was reiterated as a "buy' Salomon Brothers analyst Victor Halpert in London.

Clal Israel closed 1.75% up, Clal Electronics jumped 1.5% and Clal Industries added Department store chain Shekem slipped 0.5% while Elco Holdings, which has investments including 44% of Shekem, was

European bourses end mixed

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses ended mixed yesterday, burdened by inflation worries and ignoring Wall Street which again set a record-breaking pace at the

On currency markets, the dollar was down by more than half a pfennig in late European trade, pushed lower by a widening US trade gap and signs of growing

business activity in Germany. Frankfurt ended with a gain of 0.4 percent, outshining London and Paris which closed well down with investors fretting over higher

interest rates amid signs of inflation re-emerging. German floor trade closed

before New York's opening but had been boosted by the overnight showing on Wall Street, which saw its 40th record close of the year at 6,397.60 points.

But the Frankfurt stocks lost some of their gains after a jump in the October business confidence index of Germany's Ifo think-tank. Its survey showed a higher-than-expected jump in the busi-ness climate index to 97.4 percent from 95.7.

"The Ifo index was more or less stable but now there is a decent improvement," said one trader, in the minus column but they did adding that this had eroded hopes succeed in clawing back some of a rate cut.

The figures pushed the computerized IBIS index, which measures after-hours deals, down to ures showing the big US trade gap

at the close.
London's FTSE index ended 0.4

supply growth, which sparked the interest rates fears.

Dealers said they saw little scope for the British market to shake off its lethargy even though Wall Street touched a new intraday peak of 6,438.59 points shortly after opening.

New York stocks jumped in early trading as investors ignored US economic figures showing a big September trade gap but profit-takers later are into some of the Wall Street's initial 40-point

surge.
"We're not getting sucked in by Wall Street at the moment because we're so close to the budget...we need evidence of a tight budget to get us back on track," one dealer

"And the higher Wall Street goes, the more cautious we become of the correction that is bound to happen," he added.

The market, already anxious about prospects for the British budget on Tuesday, was alarmed at 10.3% rise in M4 money supply, a leap in bank and building society lending and the largest rise for two years in three-month retail sales figures.

In Paris, French stocks finished losses as investors watched Wall Street advance to new highs.

show a loss of around 0.6 percent and the robust business activity in at the close.

and the robust business activity in Germany, sold dollars for marks.

London's FTSE index ended 0.4 percent lower as investors took fright at stronger-than-expected October retail sales and money

Against the yen, the dollar was steady, trading at 111.20 after dipping briefly below 111 yen on the US trade data.

Stocks hit record highs

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - IBM and 6,000. other big technology names led the stock market to record highs pushed to more highs after seeagain yesterday in volatile trading sawing in the first hour, surren-

Broad-market indexes also as interest rates fell to a new dering an early follow-through to eight-month low in the bond marhigher again. The Dow quickly On Wall Street, the Dow Jones gave back an opening 41-point industrial average rose 32.42 advance only to bounce higher, points to close at 6,430.02 six gaining nearly 50 points during weeks after its first close above the afternoon.

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Pini Gershon fired

HAPOEL Jerusalem coach Pini Gershon was fired late Tuesday night after his team's return from an 89-80 loss to Portuguese champion Porto, the club's fourth straight defeat.

According to Channel 1, Gershon was called in for a meeting with club officials after the game, where it was agreed that bewould no longer continue as

Asked about the move on his return yesterday, Gershon hinted that players unhappy with his coaching style may have been behind it, but refused to go into details. Gershon was noted to have feuded openly with several players, particularly Doron Shefa.

Two of the club's four consecutive losses in the past two weeks were particularly lopsided, includ-ing Sunday's 110-73 drubbing by Maccabi Tel Aviv, and a home loss

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to Buei Herzliya also shook up Jerusalem fans.

Team sponsor Nahum Manbar, who brought Gershon to Jerusalem, said in an interview with Channel 1 that Gershon's "lack of time and concentration" had affected his coaching ability, and said that former Hapoel Jerusalem assistant coach Gadi Kedar had the inside track on the job.

Gershon led Hapoel to the State Cup championship and a secondplace finish in the league last year, but was unable to get the maximum out of the team this season, particularly on defense. In addition, he was largely responsible for the club's signing Dan Bingenheimer, the foreigner who has been a major disappointment so far in the capital.

Jerusalem isn't the only team

making a major change: on Monday, Maccabi Rishon Lezion announced it was sending home veteran foreigner Darren Daye, who also played in the Israeli league for Hapoel Galil Elyon. Rishon officials claimed that

Daye's "disciplinary problems" were the reason for the change, but the club's continued poor showing in the Israeli league most recently a loss Sunday to Maccabi Ra'anana - was too much. Rishon also has brought in former player Haim Zlotikman to work with coach Roni Bosani.

Hapoel Eilat is also floundering, and is reportedly close to dumping point guard Meir Tapiro, who may be heading back to Hapoel Tel Aviv if foreign point guard Michael Lloyd is dumped. Lloyd has been blamed for many of Hapoel Tel Aviv's poor showings

Hapoel Galil Elyon scores upset victory over Benfica Lisbon

HAPOEL Galil Elyon shocked Benfica Lisbon last night, beating the Portuguese visitors to Kfar Blum 92-85 in the eighth game of the preliminary round in the European Cup competition.

In a magnificent second-half display, Galil knocked back a seven-point first half deficit to beat Benfica (6-2), who were the the leaders of in the six-team group going into last night's game. With the win, Galil (2-6), which entered the game in last place

(with 1-6) kept their hopes alive of being among the group's four teams which will advance to the next round. While still longshots they must win all three remaining games in the preliminaries to qual**JOEL GORDIN**

nonetheless undoubtedly be a great morale-booster. The Portuguese opened with a storm. They made the best use of their superior height under the basket, where Roni Shais and Americans Gary Trost and Steve Rosha were unchallenged by the Galil players.

The visitors also shot with uncanny accuracy, scoring 73 percent from the field and 100 percent in freethrows.

Benfica ran from a early 10-2 lead to 16-8 and then to 22-8. it looked like it was going to be a rout, but Galil pulled themselves together toward the end of the

Gur Shelef and Mark Carver sparked the rally with key threepointers, just before the interval

Galil recovered to 45-38 at the half. The Galil breakthrough came midway through the second half when they scored 16 points in succession. Star performers John Kennedy, who finished with 19 points, Carver (16). Shelef (16) and Oren Amiel (15) led the second half rally.

Galil's feisty surge simply left the Benfica players groping at air. They lost their confidence, falling apart both defensively and offen-

Karlos Saseish hit 16, Fabio Ribeiro 14, Shais 12 and veteran Pedro Miguel 10 for the visitors.

Hap. Jerusalem coach Agassi withdraws from tournament after crushing loss to Sampras

Shoulder pain ends match early for Seles

HANOVER, Germany (AP) Every time Pete Sampras has played Andre Agassi over the past 15 months, he seems to hit a new

In the latest chapter in the rivalry between the two Americans, Sampras routed Agassi 6-2, 6-1 yesterday to begin his bid for a third ATP World Championship title.

"It was one of those days you wish you had every day," the top-ranked Sampras said after breezing through in 51 minutes against an ailing Agassi, winning his fourth straight match between the two. "My termis was the best I've

played in a long time." Agassi said he fell ill two days before coming here to a combination of an upset stomach and a head congestion.

"I am still feeling weak, I wasn't fit to play. It wasn't enjoyable to go and play out there," he said. Agassi later dropped out of the tournament, and his withdrawal brought in alternate Thomas Enqvist into the \$3.3-million championship of the top eight players in the world. Sampras' 1-0 record stands and Enqvist will play two matches and have a chance of making the semifinals. Sampras conceded that Agassi

may have had an off day, but said his own tennis had something to do with Agassi's poor performance. "I was in a zone, I couldn't play any better. It was one of those days when everything clicks," said the

U.S. Open champion and winner of six other titles this year. Sampras completely dominated the match and the capacity crowd of 15,000 whistled and booed at

"I thought they were pretty hard on Andre. I felt he was still competing out there." Sampras said. Earlier, Thomas Muster stayed alive by beating Michael Chang 6-4, 6-3 yesterday, leaving the sec-



OY, GEVALT - Andre Agassi contemplates his poor performance against Pete Sampras yesterday.

year's runner-up winless after two

Wednesday's match was nearly a carbon copy of the Sampras-Agassi clash in Stuttgart less than a month ago, when Sampras won 6-4, 6-1 in 57 minutes.

This time, Sampras was even more devastating, winning all of his 19 first-serve points. "This the court.

ond-ranked American and last maybe outdoes it. I dropped my serve a couple of times in Stutigart, I didn't today."

Agassi needed six deuces to hold serve in the fourth game. Over the next nine games, he won six points. Sampras was all over him, serv-

ing aces, hitting blistering returns and firing winners from all over

"I've had sports of tennis like this, but not for an entire match,"

he said. Agassi, a former No. 1 who has

now dropped to No. 7, has not beaten Sampras since July 1995 in Monureal. Sampras now leads the series 12-8.

Chang virtually has no chance of advancing from his round-robin group, while Muster is now 1-1, following his opening loss to Goran Ivanisevic.

The eight players are split into two round-robin groups, with two men from each group advancing to the semifinals.

Women's Championships With her shoulder hurting and her father signaling for her to stop, Monica Seles quit in the opening set of her first-round match at the Chase Championships yesterday.

By being forced out of the match with the injury, Seles gave Kimiko Date her first retirement gift of the night, a second-round berth against 16-year-old Martina

Date, considered the greatest tennis player in Japanese history. is playing in her final tournament and was given a retirement ceremony after the match.

There were a couple of shots that made it even worse, and the pain just started shooting down my arm," Seles said. "All you can really do ice it and numb it at that

The muscle tear in her left shoulder has bothered her since her Australian Open victory in January, her only Grand Slam tournament title of the year.

After Seles left the court, Steffi Graf showed why she's the defending champion and top-seeded. She showed no mercy toward her Slovakian opponent, simply overpowering Karina Habsudova 6-1, 6-4 in 48 minutes.

Maccabi seeking crucial win in Milan

SOME advice to Maccabi Tel Aviv: while in Milan, enjoy the food, do some shopping and see the sites. If tradition holds to form, winning tonight's basketball game vs. Stefanel Milano may be all but impossible.

It's not that Maccabi doesn't have a chance they played one of their best games of the season vs. Hapoel Jerusalem Sunday night, and ast week's stirring comeback vs. CSKA Moscow was reason for optimism. They should also be up for the game, consider-

ing it's crucial bearing on their chances of making one of the top three spots in their Group A. But a look at the history books shows that something just seems to happen to our boys in blue and yellow when they land in Italy: their record in European competition there is 3-29, the last trip ending in a 95-77 rout at the hands

of Buckner Bologna last season. Adding to the difficult task ahead is the plain fact that Stefanel has been playing superb ball. Not only are they 6-1 and at the top of Maccabi's Group A, they are also first in the tough Italian League, where they've achieved an impressive 9-1 mark. That's some spicy basketball.

Still, Maccabi owns one of the two victories over this red-hot ballclub this season, a 78-68 triumph on October 3 at Yad Eliahu, made possible by clutch foul shooting down the stretch and Derrick Sharp's superb defense on former Orlando Magic player Anthony Bowie.

Bowie had turned Yad Eliahu upside down with his variety of offensive moves until Sharp shackled him in the second half. Brad Leaf also had a big game against the Italians. Bowie has been sensational in the

Euroleague so far, averaging 19.9 ppg and hit-

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ting 15-31 three-pointers. Shooting guard Flavio Portaluppi has knocked in 14-25 from long range, and overall Stefanel is an impressive 39.8% from beyond the arc. Maccabi's big men will have their hands full guarding Bowie, but also Warren Kidd, who fouled out early in the Yad Eliahu encounter. Kidd is averaging just over nine rebounds a game in the Euroleauge, while shooting an impressive 61.4%, even if most of that is the result of his banging inside.

Point guard Ferdinando Gentile will also have to be carefully guarded, although his outside shooting has been way off in the Euroleague, where he's just 5-31 on threepointers. Big men Gregor Fucka and Davide Cantarello are also threats to score.

For Maccabi, Oded Katash is recovered from his injury and he and Doron Sheffer are likely to start in the backcourt, now that coach Zvi Scherf has apparently decided that's his best option. Borko Radovitch is sure to see plenty of court time, thanks to his fine play last week vs. CSKA.

However, Maccabi will have to get a good effort out of both the rejuvenated Randy White and Buck Johnson to have any chance tonight. Johnson has been inconsistent of late, and the offensive flow as soon as possible.

the top of the key, an illness that has cost them dearly over the season. Pssst: try cutting to the

As for Maccabi's chances of making that No. 3 spot, they really need to win all three of their upcoming Euroleague games to do it. A victory tonight and at home vs. Panionios and Ulker. in their last two games would allow them to advance to the next grouping and play in a group that would include themselves, Milan, CSKA and the last three teams in Group B.

Otherwise, they will be at the mercy of games played between CSKA and Ulker, with ČSKA still having an advantage over Maccabi should the two clubs tie, by virtue of their two

Should Maccabi take one of the top three spots in Group A and advance with Milan and CSKA, Maccabi would also bring with it into that competition two victories over Milan, but also the two losses vs. CSKA. However, if they fail to make third place, they

houses of Europe like Teamsystem Bologna, led by Carlton Myers and former Syracuse University center Conrad McRae, or Olympiakos, who boast Greek national squad point guard George Sigalas, former Notre Dame star David Rivers and former NBA player Willie Anderson, who was set to play for Maccabi last year until he was injured and replaced by Tom Chambers. That would make a visit to the Euroleague quarterfinals highly unlikely.

For now, it's time to put speculation aside and concentrate on the tough job ahead. Their Euroleague chances somewhat dimmed in recent weeks, it's up to Maccabi to make sure the trip to Milan is remembered more for the winning than the shopping.

Juventus beats Manchester Utd. to clinch quarter-final place

MANCHESTER (Reuter) -European champions Juventus beat Manchester United 1-0 in an epic Champions' League match last night to clinch a place in the last eight of the European Cup.

The only goal of a muly memorable encounter came after 35 minutes when Alessandro Del Piero smacked the ball past United's Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichal from the penalty spot after he had been fouled by Nicky Butt - and then made the most of

Juventus gave United a lesson in movement and passing in the first half, then soaked up 45 minutes of relentless United pressure in the

United were a different team after the break, almost totally dominating the play, but the best they could give more than 53,000 desperate home fans was a series of near-misses, typified by a 20meter shot from skipper Eric Cantona which clipped the bar in the dying minutes.

It was the first time United had

home in Europe and their second successive home European defeat after their 40-year unbeaten home run was ended by Fenerbahce three weeks ago.

Auxerre 2, Ajax 1 French title-holders Auscerre beat former European champions Ajax Amsterdam 2-1 in a group A match. The result, Ajax's second home defeat in the competition, brings Auxent level with Ajax on points in the group and leaves the Dutch champions needing to find something special on next month's visit

Grasshopper Zurich. Auxerre, needing to win to keep alive their hopes of reaching the quarter-finals of Europe's top club competition at the first attempt, got off to a dream start when Steve Marlet chipped in from the right, Lilian Laslandes headed on and Bernard Diomede had time and space to rifle his shot past Edwin van der Sar for his third Champions'

League goal, AC Milan 1, Porto 1 Italian champions AC Milan edged closer to a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup with a hard-fought 1-1 draw against Porto in their quali-

Status Bucharest (Romania) 1, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1 (0-1). Scorars: Statua — Sabin Rie 51; Atletico — Mikhko Parilic 23 Atlandanos: 8,000

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will likely end up playing some of the power-

Olajuwon hospitalized for tests as Rockets win

HOUSTON (AP) - Hakeem Olajuwon was hospitalized at halftime with an abnormal heartbeat but Charles Barkley had 22 points and 17 rebounds as the Houston Rockets beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 122-93 on Tuesday

Olaiuwou had 10 points and five rebounds as the Rockets took a 71-48 halftime lead. He the walked from The Summit under his own power to be taken to Methodist Hospital for precautionary tests. team statement said Olajuwon's condition was not

believed serious. The Rockets shot 8-of-11 on 3pointers in the first half and fin-10-for-20. Timberwolves had held their previous eight opponents under 100 points. Knicks 92, Magie 88

New York began the game with an 18-2 run and led by 25 before having

to hold off injury-riddled Orlando behind a 24-point performance by Patrick Ewing. Ewing became the 23rd player in NBA history to score 20,000 career points when he hit a layup midway through the second quarter. He fin-ished 8-of-15 from the field, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked seven shots. John Starks had 15 points and Charles Oakley contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds as the Knicks beat the two-time defending Atlantic champi-

TUESDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Seattle 106, Toronto 98 Cleveland 73, Atlanta 63 New York 92, Orlando 88 Milwankee 100, Dallas 97 Houston 122, Minnesota 93 Miami 104, Denver 86 Portland 92, Sacramento 90, OT L.A. Lakers 112, Golden State 109 ons at Orlando Arena for the first time since March 27, 1994. Gerald Wilkins led the cold-shooting Magic (27-for-76, 36 percent)

with 24 points Heat 104, Nuggets 86 Alonzo Mourning scored 23 points to lead six visiting Miami players in double figures as the Heat dominated Denver inside and outside in a win over the Nuggets. The Heat, who never trailed after the

4 from 3-point range to end their three-game losing streak.
Antonio McDyess scored 27 points for the Nuggets, who committed 24 turnovers and dropped to 1-4 at home.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Donald cuts through

AHMEDABAD, India (Reuter) --South African fast bowler Allan Donald cut through the middle order on Wednesday to reduce India to 215 for eight at the close

of the first day of the first Test. Donald dismissed newcomer V.V. Laxman (11), Sunil Joshi (16) and Javagal Srinath (14) after India had won the toss and elected to bat. He finished with of three for 33

After Sachin Tendulkar had won the toss on a pitch expected to take spin. Sanjay Manjrekar and wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia put on 22 for

from 23 overs.

Indian middle-order the first wicket before Mongia fell to Fanie de Villiers for nine. Manjrekar struck four boundaries before he was bowled by

> Adams for 34. Tendulkar looked in excellent form, striking three boundaries off de Villiers before Jonty Rhodes threw himself to the left at midwicket to catch the Indian captain for 42 off off-spinner Pat Symcox. Former skipper Mohammed Azharuddin steadied the innings with 35 but was run out by Rhodes immediately after tea.

unorthodox left-arm spinner Paul

SPORTS BRIEFS

Braves keep Cy Young-winner Smoltz The Atlanta Braves reached an agreement yesterday to re-sign star pitcher John Smoltz, keeping intact the best rotation in U.S. Major.

Smoltz, 29, led the majors this season with 24 wins and 276 strikeouts, along with a 2.94 ERA. He added four more wins in the postseason before the Braves were beaten by the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Smoltz won the 1996 Cy Young Award given to the league's top pitcher. He is joined in the starting rotation by former Cy Young winners and Braves teammates Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. He was coming off a four-year, \$16 million contract. Terms of his new deal were not immediately available, but Smoltz was expected to command at least \$8m a year and become the highest-paid

Smoltz's signing comes one day after the other big name in the free-agent market, Albert Belle, signed a five-year, \$55m contract. AP

Tuesday's NHL results

pitcher in baseball.

Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2; New Jersey 2, Ottawa 1; Boston 2. Washington 2, tie; Tampa Bay 3, Los Angeles 0; Toronto 4, Buffalo 3; Vancouver 2, Dallas 0; Chicago 4, Edmonton 4, tie AP

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Scherf would be well-advised to get him into The Italians pride themselves on their defense, so Maccabi will have to avoid dribbling the ball aimlessly for extensive periods at

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

HUNGARY'S Keller Quartet is here for a series of concerts starting tonight (9) in Ein Hashofet and continuing Saturday (8:30) at the Technion in Haifa and (10:30) in Kibbutz Ginegar, with further concerts next week in Kfar Sava, Beersheba and Tel

VIOLINIST Gil Shaham plays Kreisler's very rarely heard In the Style of Vivaldi Saturday (8:30) with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Jun'ichi Hirokami, who also leads the orchestra in Mendelssohn's ("Italian") symphony. At the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

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Tomorrow (2) at the same locale Shaham plays Norton's The Rouge Tool, Saturday (9) at the Dvorak's Violin Concerto while tonight (8:30) he plays the same opus in Kfar Sava.

THE Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba opens a season of its very popular "Jewels of the Opera" series with Jonathan Webb on the podium leading a program of arias and duets from Verdi's Folstaff and Un ballo in maschera, Mozart's Die Entführung aus dem Serail and Die Zauberflote, and Beethoven's Fidelio with soprano Shira Green and baritone Viktor Kotick. Saturday and Monday at

GUITAR FESTIVAL

HELEN KAYE

JUG band music, Slide Blues and ragtime will get feet tapping tonight when Paul Moore and his Washboard Wizards get going, together with Ely Marcus and Danny Zuckerman. At Tel Aviv Tzavta

DANCE

THOSE leapin' Russians of the Moiseyev Dance Company have a busy weekend. Tonight their colorful, exuberant show will be at the Haifa Auditorium at 8:30. Tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. they're at the regional auditorium of Gan Shmuel and Saturday night they're in Givat Brenner at 9 p.m. Helen Kaye

THE Batsheva Dance Company performs Ohad Naharm's Black Milk and Golub Queens, and Paul the Discovery Channel.



Respighi's The Birds and Sir Georg Solfi conducts Richard Strauss's 'Four Last Songs' Fourth on the Discovery Channel.

> Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. At 11 a.m. at the same locale the Batsheva Ensemble presents Dance Party, a shorter version of Naharin's highly popular Anaphase. The Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company presents Rami Be'er's powerful and brilliantly performed When Most I Wink, Saturday (9) at the Holon Theater. - Michael Ajzenstadi

ENGLISH LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

TERRORISM is the subject of a lecture by Yonah Alexander of George Washington University. Entitled "Terrorism - the Worst is Yet to Come," the lecture is under the auspices of the English speaking Friends of Tel Aviv University on campus in Room 02 of the Sherman Building (entrance through gate 1) tomorrow at 11 a.m.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DAME Kiri Te Kanawa joins Sir Georg Solti in performing Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs in a concert televised live at the Free Trade Hall in Manchester. But the concert itself is only the second, and less interesting, part of The Maestro and The Diva, a one-hour presentation which follows conductor and soprano in conversation and rehearsal. Tomorrow (10:30) and Saturday (4) on









5 Association needs to study

6Understand that the

calculation is wrong (6,3)

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8 Spare soft-headed man

making advances (7)

14 Dying on the California trail (5,4)

15 She went in disguise when making headlines (2,3,4) 17 Secretly in Bome (3,4)

18 If sick people understand

19 Tenor serves unadult-erated French wine (7)

20 Hill split asunder by violent flood (7)

23 Caller without it may

nothing, it's a bad sign (3,4)

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7 Four entered

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Cancellation of credit results in reprimand (4,3) 5 Treasury employs tender-hearted surveyor
- 9 Introduce changes, but fewer of them (9) 10 Land bought initially in
- great delight (5) 11 Aerial acquired before Widdecombe
- returned (7) 12 Silver ring found in shallow water (7)
- 13 Nigel replaced a man foe being remiss (9) 16 A bit of a basket-case (5)
- 17 Swallow fast (5) 18 Anxious admission by a
- hospital inmate (9)
- 21 A large quantity doesn't impress me! (3,4) 22 Either way, it's a tonic (7) 25 Some seem to be seriously
- overweight (5) 26 Light in the darkness? Nonsense! (9)
- 27 Smatra became expert at his trade (7) 28 Suffering endured by old marines under canvas (7)

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- 2 Trainee accountant got up to make hay (5) 3 Appeal to analyse verse in
- an ancient language (5) 4 Chance to impound equipment from naval

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E CHANNEL 2

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Stolen Innocence (1995) (rpt)
13:05 The Prince and the Showgirl
(1957) - comedy directed by and starring Laurence Olivier. An American
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11:30 Little University – inventors
12:00 Sweet Valley High 12:30 Hugo
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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Vertigo (1958) - one of Hitchcock's finest. James Stewart is a retired policeman hired by an old triend to keep an eye on his wife. He falls in love with her and things begin to go wrong. With Kim Novak and Barbara Bel Geddes. (122 mins.) 00:05 The Owl's Cry (French, 1987) - Suspense drama by Claude Chabrol. A peeping Tom who follows a young married woman introduces himself and becomes the object of her obsessive lave. Rased on a novel by Patricia sive love. Based on a novel by Patricia Highsmith (104 mins.)

E DISCOVERY (B)

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M SUPER CHANNEL

8:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News will Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC – The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Executive Lifestyles 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 European Table Tennis 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Torn Brokaw 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC – Internight

ESTAR PLUS

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POLICE have questioned four doctors at the Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed in the past two days on suspicion of causing the deaths of two terminally ill patients through negligence, or perhaps mercy killing.

The two deaths involved terminally ill patients who allegedly did not receive the appropriate treatment, which is suspected of having caused or contributed to their deaths. The possibility of other such cases has not been ruled out, according to police sources.

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If this proves true, a proposed investigating committee will have to contend with philosophical and ethical questions, regarding the law and so-called "acts of mercy." The inquiries, according to the sources, are expected to take a long time, given the complexity of the issue and the questions likely

The police inquiries began officially on Tuesday when detectives from the northern region police headquarters questioned two senior doctors at the hospital. Two more doctors were questioned yesterday. The questioning was carried out in coordination with the director of the hospital, after the district attorney's office received the initial reports and authorized the investigation.

The inquiry itself came about by coincidence as a result of information received by police in the past few months while investigating an entirely separate matter at the hospital involving allegations of false medical documents.

Northern region police spokeswoman Chief Superintendent Orit Messer-Harel confirmed that an

er, Ma'ariv said.

Committee to examine

private HIV tests

HEALTH Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday asked his director-gener-

al, Prof. Gabi Barabash, to appoint a committee to investigate the func-

and rior can balances, to appoint a committee to investigate the functioning of private HIV-testing clinics. His decision followed a story in Ma'ariv in which an HIV carrier sent by the newspaper to six private labs was told by two that he was perfectly healthy.

The two private labs that gave the wrong results were the American Medical Laboratories at the Herzliya Medical Center, and the Tenna Lab

in Ramat Gan. Another lab, Medibit in Tel Aviv, violated ministry rules

by informing the young man over the phone that he was an HIV carri-

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that four doctors at the hospital had been questioned.

"The inquiry is at the initial stage after the district attorney's office gave authorization for the investigation to start," said Messer-Harel.

"Our intention is also to question the families of those who died and other elements. The police will also demand the establishment of a professional committee to examine the case."

The inquiry has shocked staff at the hospital. Management officials said they could not comment while the investigation was in progress, and referred all press inquiries to the Health Ministry.

According to hospital sources, however, the announcement of the probe put the entire staff under a cloud. "The atmosphere is very bleak and certainly not very pleasant, even though nobody believes for one minute that anyone here has done anything illegal," said a

According to police sources, the Health Ministry will be asked to co-opt doctors onto the proposed committee in order to assist in investigating all the medical aspects of the case. Judy Siegel adds:

Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash said last night that after discussing the matter with Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and based on the information already known that the story reported in the media is

very far from the truth. Barabash said the ministry and the police would jointly check over the material in the hands of investigators in order to decide inquiry had been launched and what, if anything, to do.

Judy Siegel



Vice-Admiral Luks Kroon, head of the Dutch Navy, salutes Israeli sailors as he disembarks from a Saar-5 yesterday.

Ordnance Corps improving daily life for soldiers in Lebanon – down to underwear

THE IDF has provided troops in south Lebanon with top-of-the-line winter equipment and invested tens of millions of shekels to reinforce army outposts in the security zone and increase supplies.

This reduces the number of supply convoys which must expose themselves to Hizbullah

guerrillas to reach the troops.

The two-year program of the IDF's logistics and technology branch has enabled the outposts to go for some time without receiving food, water and fuel.

"The logistics branch supports the whole front, so that when a soldier lifts his weapon he hits his target and emerges victorious," said Col. D., deputy commander of the Galilee division on the northern border.

Some of the equipment being supplied to combat units are foam mattresses to be used while laying in ambush, electrically heated sleeping bags and battery-charged, heated

The traditional "gatkes" long underwear has been replaced by Gortex thermal suits, which remove the perspiration a soldier works up while on a mission. Where once insulated overalls were passed around, now they are issued to

MK Moshe Shahal (Labor) yester-day accused the Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign pol-

icy adviser Dore Gold of deliber-

ately planting a news story claim-

ing that opposition leader Shimon

Peres had advised Yasser Arafat not

Shahal told the Knesset that in

addition to Gold a "certain minister"

spoke on the subject with three jour-nalists, "two of whom threw the

information in the bin while [Yediot

Aharanot] journalist Shimon Schiffer used the information."

ter's Office, calling it "ridiculous-

"of being like his name, Netanyahu's 'Golden Boy.'"

to sign the Hebron agreement.

Shahal: Gold planted item

about Peres and Arafat

LIAT COLLINS

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

"In any confrontation with the enemy, our soldiers have no excuse for failing because they lacked something," the colonel said. IDF outposts across the front have undergone a transformation, from sand-bagged tent camps circled by corrugated tin-lined trenches, to

dug-in fortresses enveloped in concrete and The dinning rooms, kitchens and even the showers and latrines are made out of thick

cement, protecting them from mortar and rock-"A few months ago when there were no reinforced latrines, you'd be sitting in there and praying nothing would happen," said Ra'anan Hartman, 20, from Kibbutz On, who maintains

the radios at the IDF outpost at the Beaufort "The IDF makes sure that the soldiers in

Lebanon have the best there is. Most outposts have removed the dangerous solar heaters and replaced them with off-theshelf electric radiators. Some have weight

rooms and all have a public telephone with a ree open line home. "There is nothing we think they need which At the Beaufort Castle position, Golani they don't have," Elimelech said. free open line home.

troops helped unload the supply truck into refrigerated store rooms that will keep the vegetables fresh. The food here is high in protein and there are lots of chocolates, nuts and dried fruit to go around.

All this is aimed at easing the burden of protecting the northern border placed on the troops, who face daily skirmishes with Hizbullah gunmen. Despite the good intentions, showers are permitted only once a week, mortar fire is increasing and the mud grows thicker with each rain.

Hizbullah has identified the supply convoys as a weak point in the IDF line. In addition to reducing the number of convoys, the army has also paved alternate routes to some outposts which are less exposed, a senior commander Brig.-Gen. Itzik Elimelech, head of IDF ord-

nance, said they have prepared for the winter in Lebanon from the individual soldier up to the level of the entire front. He said combat troops would never lack any

of the best equipment available, despite the fact that less and less funds are being allocated to

around Jewish neighborhoods that

bordered Arab ones, on grounds

such a move would only give the

There are, however, two excep-

tions - a now dilapidated security

fence between the northern border

of Neveh Ya'acov built during the

intifada, and a smaller fence built

in about 1991 that is still in place

between East Talpiot and Jebel

we believe a security fence is needed around Ramat Shlomo,"

said Yehuda Levinger, the neigh-

borhood's security officer. "But

we understand that the municipal-

ity doesn't want to give the

impression that the city is divided,

so will be satisfied for now with

Levinger said that after the

meeting with Olmert, Ramat Shlomo residents met with police

and city officials, and a number of

week, with the mukhtars of the

nearby Arab neighborhood of

"In recent weeks we have had a

wave of break-ins that were car-

ried out by Arabs," Levinger said.

"We have received intelligence

reports about extremist elements

in the area, and are concerned that

our proximity to them makes us an

easy target," he said.

Shuafat, according to Levinger.

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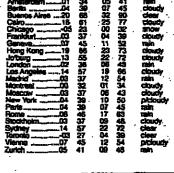
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AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the queen of spades, queen of hearts, 10 of diamonds and ace of clubs.

Police to begin questioning MK Dayan DAVID RUDGE

NATIONAL Police Headquarters yesterday authorized Ha'amakim district police to question Tsomet MK Haim Dayan over allegations that he beat his wife during an argument at their Migdal Ha'emek

home on Saturday. Rachel Dayan lodged a complaint with police in the town on Saturday and also received medical treatment at Afula's Emek hospital on the same day for blows and scratches to various parts of her body. Haim Dayan has denied physically assaulting her.

Since the alleged perpetrator is an MK, permission had to be granted by the national police. The police must also inform the Knesset Speaker of the pending inquiry. especially as Dayan is the deputy speaker. The next stage, according to police, will be to contact Dayan and arrange a date for the questioning to take place. It will probably be held at the headquarters of the

Ha'amakim district in Nazareth Dayan, himself a former policeman, has stated that there was tension between the couple, who have four children, but he has denied physically assaulting her.

Sharansky cancels Russia visit **DAVID HARRIS**

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky has postponed his historic visit to Russia next week.

due to a death in the family.

His wife's brother, Col. (res.) Michael Shtiglitz, 48, died suddenly yesterday morning. Until 18 months ago. Shtiglitz served as Israel's military attache to Russia. Since then he had run his own business. Shtiglitz is being buried at 5 p.m. today at Mr. Herzl cemetery.

steps were agreed upon. The police are to be beef up patrols, he city will block off the dirt paths connecting Ramat Shlomo to Some 50 businesspeople were nearby Arab neighborhoods, and the neighborhood council will scheduled to accompany Sharansky to Moscow and St. Petersburg. In work to increase participation in the Civil Gnard, Levinger said. Community leaders are also in-tiating a meeting, to be held next all the delegation was to comprise some 100 people, including his mother and wife, Avital.

The visit was to have included: meetings with businesspeople, gov-emment ministers and officials, in addition to discussions with members of the Russian Jewish community. Sharansky was to have visited a Moscow syriagogue and the guiag where he was imprisoned, met with former colleagues who opposed the Soviet regime, and payed his respects at the grave of one of his role models, dissident Andrei

Ramat Shlomo residents demand

Shahal attacked the Prime Minisdenied it," Shahal said. He stressed that the item had ly amateurish." He accused Gold

been deliberately created and planted and not just leaked. Coalition MKs heckled Shahal

"The last 150 days were the worst in Israeli politics," he said. "Everything was trampled on and kicked. Netanyahu surrounded himself with a gang of inexperienced [advisers] who step on each Shahal went on to ridicule the responses put out by the Prime Minister's Office this week follow-Shahal's claims

ing the publication of the item. "Who should we believe, [the premier's media advisor] Shai Bazak or Shimon Schiffer? Netanyahu on Sunday or Netanyahu on Monday? Two people have two versions: Schiffer and the Prime Minister's Office. One of the two is not speaking the truth. That's clear. Netanyahu and his boys played with dangerous matches and when the bonfire ignited they ran from it so they wouldn't be blamed for the fire. This is not the first time he planted a false item and afterwards

during his address and Shahal n return tried to use the Knesset House Rules to prevent MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) from responding by withdrawing his motion after it had been presented. Rivlin accused Shahal of creating a "blood libel." Bazak issued a statement calling "baseless, unfounded and utter rubbish."

security fence **BILL HUTMAN**

RESIDENTS of north Jerusalem's al opposed the building of fences new Ramat Shlomo neighborhood have demanded a barbed-wire security fence be built to separate their community from "extremist elements" in adjoining Arab neighborhoods.

The municipality, however, expressed opposition to building the fence, although it has given its backing to increasing security measures in the haredi neighborhood, on Shuafat Ridge, near the Arab neighborhoods of Shuafat and Beit Hanina, and the Shuafat

refugee camp.
"I am against the building of a fence, and in favor of taking other security measures that might be needed." Mayor Ehud Olmert told The Jerusalem Post, following a meeting with leaders of the haredi community on Tuesday.

Even under former mayor Teddy Kollek, the municipality in gener-

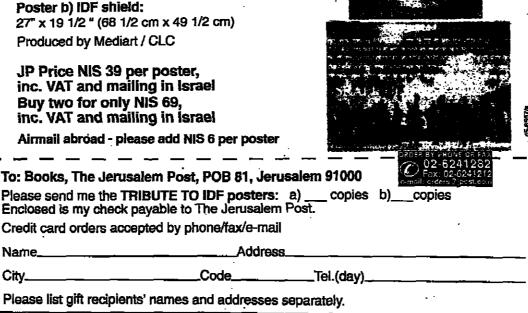
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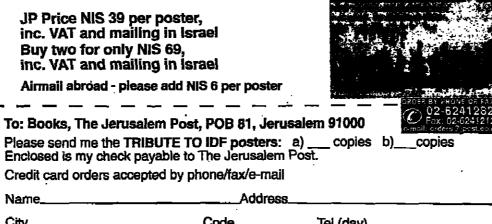
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